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Preamble of the Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

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FIRST MEETING OF DELEGATES TO 16TH GENERAL CONVENTION BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF DELEGATES PRESENT

Held Sunday Evening, October 12, 1924, at 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Present: J. Sanjour, 330 (Los Angeles Branch); Anderson, 310; Rumbaugh, 330; Cole, 110; Welinder, 120; Broman, 120; Swanson, 310; Cantwell, 120; Nelson, 310; Gray, 110; Oates, 210-220; Snitco, 440 (Pittsburgh convention); Tabib, 310; Erwin, 230; Oberman, 110; Schwandt,330; Hanson, 110; Sapper, Small Industrial Unions; Fisher, 110; Chuba, 440; Thompson, 440; Mann, 110; Jordan, 110; Mattson, 210-220; Leonard, 310.

Jordan, 110, elected chairman. Mann elected recording secretary.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Leonard, 310): That only delegates be allowed at this meeting.

Amended (Thompson, 440-Rumbaugh, 330): That visitors be allowed without voice or vote.

Vote on amendment: Seven for, 14 against. Amendment lost. Vote on motion: 13 for, 4 opposed. Motion carried.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Cole, 110): That the two delegates who have not their cards go and get them. Lost.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Gray, 110): That a committee of three be elected to get a new hall. Record vote: Sanjour, Anderson, Leonard, Henrikson, Rumbaugh, Cole, Nelson, Gray, Oates, Tabib, Erwin, Oberman, Hanson, Sapper, Fisher, Chuba, Thompson, Mann, Jordan—yes; Anderson, Welinder, Broman, Swanson, Cantwell, Snitco, Schwandt—no. Yes 17, no 7; motion carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Swanson, 310): That the general convention be called to order by one of the delegates present. All voted yes except Welinder, Cantwell, Broman and Snitco, who were not voting.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mann, 110): That our present chairman, Fellow Worker Joe Jordan, be instructed to call the convention to order. All voted yes except Welinder, Cantwell, Broman and Snitco, who were not voting.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Swanson, 310): That this body meet here tomorrow, Oct. 13th, at 12 noon, to hear report of the hall committee. Carried.

Rumbaugh (330), Mann (110) and Cole (110) elected on hall committee.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

Fred Mann, Recording Secy.;
Joe Jordan, Chairman.

SECOND MEETING OF DELEGATES BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT

Called to order by Chairman Joe Jordan at 12 noon, Monday, October 13, 1924.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mattson, 210-220): That minutes of last meeting be accepted as read. Carried unanimously.

Report of hall committee. Committee reports renting Phoenix Hall, 405 W. Division Street, for this afternoon from 1 to 5:30 p. m. for the I. W. W. constitutional general convention.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Leonard, 310): That report of hall committee be accepted. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Nelson, 310): That the general constitutional convention of the I. W. W. convene at 2 p. m. at Phoenix Hall.

Welinder and Broman of 120 arrive at 12:30 p. m.; Sanjour of 330 arrives at 12:30 p. m.

Roll call vote of delegates:

Yes: Sanjour (330), Henrikson (330), Welinder (120), Nelson (310), Erwin (230), Hanson (110), Chuba (440), Thompson (440), Jordan (110), Mattson (210-220), Rumbaugh (330) Gray (110), Oberman (110) Sapper (450), Schwandt (330), Fisher (110), Oates (210-220), Mann (110). Tabib no and Broman not voting. Motion carried.

Leonard, Broman and Tabib agree to abide by the majority vote on the above question.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Rumbaugh, 330): That two committees of three be elected to inform the delegates and instruct the officials to be present at 2 p. m. at Phoenix Hall, where the general constitutional convention of the I. W. W. will convene. Carried unanimously.

Chair rules that hall committee shall stand elected as one of the notification committees.

Nominations for notification committee open.

Gray, Leonard, Erwin, Tabib, Broman, Swanson, Oberman, Cole, Nelson, Henrikson.

M. & S.: That nominations be closed. Carried.

Tabib, Oberman and Henrikson elected on notification committee.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Chuba, 440): That the committees be credentialed. Carried.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Welinder, 120): That we adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 1 p. m.

Fred Mann, Recording Secy.;
Joe Jordan, Chairman.

NOTE:—These two meetings were called for the purpose of bringing together the delegates into one convention, for at that time Rowan et al. called the delegates to convene at 180 W. Washington St., while the regular convention was to meet in Emmet Memorial Hall.

These meetings, as it will be seen, were directly responsible for bringing about **one solid I. W. W. convention.**

THE SIXTEENTH CONSTITUTIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W.

AT PHOENIX HALL, 405 N. DIVISION ST.
OCTOBER 13, 1924

Called to order by Delegate Joe Jordan.

Nominations for temporary chairman.

Nominations declared open for Chairman (temporary).

Jordan, Rumbaugh and Welinder nominated, and accepted. Fisher and Hanson declined. Welinder elected temporary Chairman.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That F. W. L. McCarthy (Stenographer) be elected as temporary Recording-Secretary. Carried.

Roll called, delegates seated as follows:

I. U. No. 110 Delegates:

Fred Mann — Albert Hanson
Fred Fisher — Chas. Gray
Sam Oberman — S. J. Cole
Joe Jordan

I. U. No. 120 Delegates:

Leonard Broman — P. J. Welinder

I. U. No. 210-220 Delegates:

Felix Mattson — Joe Oates

I. U. No. 230 Delegate:

Claude Erwin

I. U. No. 310 Delegates:

Caesar Tabib — Elmer Swanson
Roy Leonard — Chas. Anderson
Albert Nelson

I. U. No. 330 Delegates:

S. Henrikson — E. Schwandt
E. Rumbaugh — J. Sanjour

I. U. No. 440 Delegates:

W. H. Thompson — Louis Chuba

Small Industrial Unions:

Michael Sapper

I. U. No. 510 Delegates:

Geo. Speed — August Walquist

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Thompson, 440), That we proceed with election of a Credentials Committee. Carried. 21 for and 1 against.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Gray, 110), That reporter from the Daily Worker be requested to leave the hall at this time. Carried.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Chuba, 440), That this credentials committee be composed of one delegate from each I. U. present.

Amended (Mann, 110-Hanson, 110), That credential committee be composed of 5 members, not more than one from any one industrial union. Carried. 21 for, one against.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Nelson, 310), That we hear report of notification committee. Carried.

Oberman spoke first, outlining those to whom he had presented letter of notification in regard to this session; his report follows: "First I met a 120 delegate (name omitted) and tried to explain to him about the convention. He refused to talk. Then I met M. Raddock. He refused to sign his name, giving as his reason that there were other names appearing above his name. He was in doubt as to whether he would come before this body or not. I then gave the letter to Fellow Worker Griffith; he read the letter through carefully, then put on his goe-gons and took a mope. Refused to sign. Grady read it next, and said he might be up, and might not. Refused to sign his name, however. Buchwald was next; he refused to sign his name, and refused to appear before this body, or on the convention floor. He said however, that he would give any information requested of him. They ignore us entirely, and as well as told us to go to hell."

Henrikson reported next. Mentioned Daly first, stating: "I gave this paper to M. Daly. He read it through carefully, and refused to even speak a word. This is all I have to add to what F. W. Oberman has stated."

Caesar Tabib reported next, stating: "I met Cantwell, Grady and Smith and asked what they were going to do. Cantwell said that they were going to meet at 180 W. Washington St. at 2:00 o'clock, and would decide as to whether they would come up here or not. I next presented the paper to F. W. Grady and Wilson. Wilson refused to talk, but Grady stated that he was willing to meet, but as an individual, and not a delegate, he can do nothing, but expressed himself as very willing. I then gave it to Griffith and Ryan, who refused to sign, but had nothing to say. Then I went up to the office at 186 N. LaSalle St., and found Buchwald and gave him the letter. He said he would not come up, and will give us any information in writing, that we may ask for, but doesn't think he will come up. He will not come up here because of the fact that that we have delegates on this floor now that he maintains should be contested. Daly and Ryan read the letter, but didn't make any comment. They all refused to sign."

S. J. Cole spoke next: "We went to 180 W. Washington St., met a 120 delegate (I do not know his name) who refused to sign after reading the letter very carefully. Frank Grad read it carefully, but never even considered it, just shook his head. I handed it to James Rowan. He read it twice, turned it over, turned it back over and reread it, and refused to sign his name to it. John Grady read it, also Bowerman, Raddock and Tom Moore. None of them would sign it. J. A. Griffith and Snitco also refused us the courtesy of even signing their names.

Rumbaugh vouched for the accuracy of the above statements, stating that some of the delegates seemed to be undecided as to just what they would do.

Mann spoke, stating that he had notified the men in 1001, whose names appear on the back of this sheet.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Schwandt, 330), That we accept the reports of committees. Carried unanim.

M. & S. (Sapper, S. I. U.-Hanson, 110), That we proceed with the election of a Credentials Committee. Carried unanimously.

Floor open for nominations.

Nominated were: Gray, 110; Oates, 210-220; Tabib, 310 (declined); Jordan, 110 (declined); Thompson, 440 (declined); Broman, 120 (declined); Swanson, 310; Rumbaugh, 330; Henrikson, 330 (declined); Chuba, 440; Schwandt, 330 (declined); Erwin, 230; Leonard, 310 (declined). Nominations closed.

Erwin, 230; Chuba, 440; Swanson, 310; Gray, 110; and Oates, 210-220 were elected.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That the credentials committee stand uninstructed. Carried. 16 for, 2 against.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That we elect a hall committee of 3 to look for a hall and report back to this body.

Amended by Gray, seconded by Joe Oates, That this hall be rented for one more day. Carried.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we take a recess of 10 minutes to give the hall committee a chance to inquire about this hall. Carried.

Meeting called to order 10 minutes later; hall committee reports that this hall cannot be secured tomorrow. Hall committee recommends two things; that we adjourn to meet in Emmet Memorial Hall, or adjourn to meet at General Headquarters; subject to call of hall committee.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Henrikson, 330): That hall committee report be accepted as progress. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Chuba, 440), That the next session of this convention be called to order at Emmet Memorial Hall at 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Amended by Rumbaugh-Henrikson: That we make the hour 10:00 A. M. instead of 9:00. Carried. 18 for, 7 against.

(During discussion on last motion, F. W. Geo. Speed moved, seconded by Henrikson: That the discussion be closed. This motion failed to carry, getting a vote of 12 for, and 12 against.)

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mann, 110): That we elect a committee of two to notify the delegates not present of this action. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Sapper, S. I. U.s-Cole, 110), That we move to nominations of notification committee to notify the delegates. Carried unanimously.

Nominations declared open. Nominations closed.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Gray, 110), That Fellow Workers Claude Erwin, 330 and S. J. Cole, 110, be elected by acclamation. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mann, 110), That reporter from Industrialisti be granted privilege of stating in his paper the facts of our proceedings, up to date. Carried.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Oates, 210-220), That we adjourn until tomorrow morning. Carried.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY

At Emmet Memorial Hall, October 14, 1924

Morning session called to order by temporary chairman, P. J. Welinder, 10 a. m.

All delegates present except Fellow Worker S. J. Cole and Fred Fisher of 110. Cards examined.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh,330-Speed, 510), That we appoint a reading clerk. Carried.

Rumbaugh appointed reading clerk. Fellow Worker S. J. Cole arrived at 10:15.

Reading clerk read minutes of yesterday's session.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Cole, 110), That we accept minutes of yesterday's session. Carried.

Telegram addressed to chairman of convention, from Duluth, Minn., read.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440), That telegram from Duluth be filed. Carried unanimously.

Committees' Reports Requested

S. J. Cole of the notification committee reports as follows: "I met the five delegates from the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union, also Trotter. I notified them that the convention would convene this morning at Emmet Memorial Hall at 10 a. m."

Claude Erwin reports as follows: "I went to 180 W. Washington St. first, but the place was closed. (This was about 9 o'clock.) Then I went to 186 N. La Salle St., and saw Daly, Rowan, Ryan and Griffith; also Johnson and Wilson, 120 delegates. I gave them the letter of notification, and Griffith signed his name on the back, with the following statement: 'J. A. Griffith, Chairman G. E. B. of the I. W. W.: If I had been notified sooner of this, or before any convention was started, perhaps things would have been different. I am in favor of one convention.' Rowan read it and said he would see about it later, but I did not have time to wait, as it was 10 o'clock. Ryan is awaiting action of the 120 delegates. Daly did not state anything. Johnson and Wilson stated they were going into session this morning to decide what they were going to do, and would take no action until later."

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Swanson, 310), That report of committee be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Hall committee reported here: Stated that this hall would be available every day except Sunday, for as long as we would want to use it.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Erwin, 230), That hall committee's report be accepted. Carried.

Credentials committee reports:

Gray: Stated that credentials committee had had no session as yet, suggested collecting cards and credentials at this point and meeting to examine same.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Cole, 110), That we adjourn until committee is able to report. Carried.

Delegate Fred Fisher reported at 11:15.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310), That we adjourn to 1:30, for lunch. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 1:30 by temporary chairman, P. J Welinder. Roll call with all delegates present. Cards examined. Two members not in good standing, but members, present.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Rumbaugh, 330): That all in the hall be allowed to be present. Carried.

Chair announces that communication from missing 120 delegates has been received, and will be read, if no one objects. Communication read by reading clerk.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Gray, 110), That communication signed by Matt Johnson and Cantwell be filed.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cole, 110), That communication be tabled until we dispose of the report of the credentials committee. Carried, 23 to 1.

Credentials committee reported here, on each delegate, stating by whom credentials were signed, the year lined up, and whether or not they were in continuous good standing for the past year.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Schwandt, 330): That we take up report of credentials committee seriatim. Carried, 17 to 4.

Delegates acted upon as follows: Credentials committee reports Louis Chuba, I. U. 440, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher, E. V. Wallis, a member in one year's continuous good standing, but short about five weeks of the constitutional 3 years required. Recommends that he be seated, as if the convention were to be called at the regular time, this would change his status.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Henrikson, 330): That Delegate Chuba be seated. Carried.

Chair rules motion out of order. Speed appeals rule of chair. Chair is not sustained by vote of 11 to 6. Motion carried, 16 to 1. Broman not voting, Swanson opposed, Nelson opposed, Tabib opposed and Leonard opposed.

Committee reports W. H. Thompson, I. U. 440, with credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher, E. V. Wallis and Peter Suto as being eligible. (Chair rules that unless delegate is contested, he will be seated without motion having to be passed.) Thompson seated.

Committee reports Felix Mattson, I. U. 210-220, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Pat Mee, also by Griffith, Pat Mee and Sam Kapon, as being eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Michael Sapper, Small I. U.s, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and E. V. Wallis, as being eligible.

M. & S. (Tabib, 310-Nelson, 310), That Delegate Sapper from Small I. U.s be not seated.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110), That the motion be tabled until we have heard the balance of the credentials committee report. Carried 17 to 5.

Committee reports Fred Fisher, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Leonard Broman, I. U. 120, credentials signed by Griffith, Rowan and Daly, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Cesar Tabib, I. U. 310, bearing credentials in the form of minutes of the 310 convention at Ogden, eligible. (310 delegates explained here that they had refused to bring credentials of either side, not wishing to recognize either side.) Tabib was contested by M. Sapper of the Small I. U.s Chair ruled that this case follow the action taken in the Sapper case, and be tabled until balance of report is heard.

Committee reports Joe Jordan, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Fred Mann, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Svante Henrikson, I. U. 330, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Monoldi, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports P. J. Welinder, I. U. 120, credentials signed by Rowan, Griffith and Daly, eligible. Seated (by recording secretary).

Committee reports E. Schwandt, I. U. 330, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Monoldi, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports E. Rumbaugh, I. U. 330, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Monoldi, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Geo. Speed, I. U. 510, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Aron, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Aug. Walquist, I. U. 510, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Aron, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Chas. Gray, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports J. Sanjour, I. U. 330, Los Angeles branch, credentials signed by Marotti, br. meeting chairman, and F. Shamblin, br. secretary, eligible as far as dues are concerned. Fellow Worker Sanjour contested by Rumbaugh of 330. Chair rules this case be laid over with other cases, pending the balance of report from committee.

Committee reports Joe Oates, I. U. 210-220, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Pat Mee, Griffith, Pat Mee and Sam Kapon, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Claude Erwin, I. U. 230, credentials from Taft branch, concurred with by San

Pedro branch, signed by J. M. Reilly and Chas. Gibson, secretary of I. U. 230, and chairman, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Sam Oberman, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports S. J. Cole, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Albert Hanson, I. U. 110, credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher and Wm. Hanley, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Roy Leonard, I. U. 310, credentials in the form of minutes from Ogden 310 convention, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Chas. Anderson, I. U. 310, credentials in the form of minutes from Ogden 310 convention, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Albert Nelson, I. U. 310, credentials in the form of minutes from Ogden 310 convention, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Elmer Swanson, I. U. 310, credentials in the form of minutes from Ogden 310 convention, eligible. Seated.

Delegates from I. U. 120, Matt Johnson, Frank Grad, Dan Murray and Pat Cantwell entered here; also Geo. Snitco, 440. Were invited to take seats.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 310-Jordan, 110), That the fellow worker delegates just arrived present their credentials to the credentials committee and take their places in the convention with full voice and vote, until we get into regular session. Carried unanimously.

Committee takes up credentials and cards and retires for fifteen minutes to go over same.

Committee reports Frank Grad, I. U. 120, credentials signed by Griffith, Rowan and Daly, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Matt Johnson, I. U. 120, credentials signed by Griffith, Rowan and Daly, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Dan Murray, I. U. 120, credentials signed by Griffith, Rowan and Daly, eligible. Seated.

Committee reports Pat Cantwell, I. U. 120, credentials signed by Griffith, Rowan and Daly, eligible. Contested by Joe Jordan, I. U. 110. Case laid over by order of chair, as others were.

Committee reports Geo. Snitco, I. U. 440, credentials signed by Griffith, Raddock and Bowerman, eligible. Contested by Louis Chuba, I. U. 440. Carried over with contested cases.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110), That we accept the report of the credentials committee as progress.

Chair rules motion out of order, stating that the committee did not finish their report and that we will take up Sapper case. Cole appeals chair. Chair not sustained, 11 to 7. Motion carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Mann, 110), That we take up the question of the contested delegates seriatim. Carried.

Motion by Tabib and Nelson, formerly tabled, taken from table. Motion follows: That the delegate from the Small I. U.s, M. Sapper, be not seated. Carried, 17 to 6. (This contest was on the ground that Fellow Worker Sapper had taken active part in the present controversy by permitting his name to appear in General Office Bulletin, under heading "Are we Gangsters and Gunmen?" The 310 delegates maintained that in assisting to eject P. D. Ryan, M. Sapper interfered with work of I. U. 310. Bulletin offered in proof. Sapper denied statement.)

Sanjour case taken up.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Hendrickson, 330), That Fellow Worker Sanjour be seated, providing he is not seated as a delegate of I. U. 330, and I. U. 330 incurs no expense thereby. Motion lost, 16 to 3. Rumbaugh and Henrikson recorded as voting yes.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Jordan, 110), That Fellow Worker J. Sanjour be seated with one vote. Carried, 13 to 10.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Erwin, 230), That Cesar Tabib be seated.

Much discussion followed this motion, but no point could be reached, as the evidence on which Fellow Worker Mann based his contest was not available until morning.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Cole, 110), That we table this motion until reconvening tomorrow morning. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That we hold sessions from 9 a. m. until 12 noon, and 1:30 p. m. until 5:30. Carried.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Nelson, 310), That Pat Cantwell be seated. Carried by vote of 19.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Oberman, 110), That Fellow Worker Snitco be not seated.

Fred Mann spoke here, stating that his reasons for contesting Fellow Worker Geo. Snitco were on the grounds that he was elected by a hand picked convention of delegates at Pittsburgh. Fellow Worker Mann stated verbatim, as follows:

"I contest G. Snitco, Card No. 192701, on the grounds that he has been elected by a hand picked convention of delegates. That all branches of 440 were not represented at the Pittsburgh convention. That the so-called Pittsburgh 440 convention has taken a definite stand on the controversy. That Fellow Worker Snitco has acted as a member of a trial committee that expelled members connected with this controversy."

Chair announced that it was 5:30 p. m. Adjourned until 9 tomorrow morning.

MORNING SESSION—THIRD DAY

Wednesday, October 15, 1924

Meeting called to order by temporary chairman, P. J. Welinder at 9 a. m. All delegates present except Snitco and Henrikson. Henrikson arrived at 9:10; Snitco at 9:05.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Leonard, 310), That we pro-

ceed until the recording secretary arrives. Carried. (Recording secretary arrived at 9:10 a. m.)

Case of Snitco taken up as first order of business.

M. & S. (Cole, 110- Gray, 110), That we take question after remaining list of those requesting the floor have spoken. Carried.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Oberman, 110), That Snitco be not seated. 13 for and 13 against. Chair votes no. Delegate unseated. Anderson opposed; Swanson opposed; Nelson opposed; Leonard Broman, Frank Grad, Joe Oates, opposed; Dan Murray, not voting.

Minutes of yesterday's session read.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That minutes be accepted, subject to correction.

Amended (Broman, 120-Mann, 110), That minutes be accepted as corrected, subject to final reading. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110), That Tabib's case be taken from the table. Carried.

Mann presented his evidence against Tabib in form of leaflet; excerpts read and leaflet passed around for inspection. Much discussion, pro and con.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Henrikson, 330): That motion be tabled until we hear credentials committee report on alternate delegate from Small I. U.s. Carried; Swanson, Anderson and Fisher opposed.

The credentials committee reported Fellow Worker Ruth Rumbaugh in good standing in re dues and recommended as follows:

"The credentials committee recommends that Fellow Worker Ruth Rumbaugh be not seated, on the grounds that there is nothing to prove that she has been elected as a delegate to the convention by any business meeting or conference of the Small Industrial Unions."

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Sanjour, Los Angeles Br. 330), That we concur with the credentials committee report in the case of Ruth Rumbaugh. Carried, 22 to 2. Schwandt wishes to be recorded as being against.

Committee reports on E. J. Morris, delegate from I. U. No. 520: "As this fellow worker was not elected by a branch, but carries a petition as credentials, and as he has been at one time in the past year six months in arrears in his dues, we recommend that he be not seated."

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Broman, 120), That we concur with recommendation of credentials committee. Carried, 18 to 3. Nelson opposed.

Tabib case brought back to floor, as order of business.

Discussion followed.

Adjourned at 12:00 noon until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 1:30 by temporary chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except W. H. Thompson. Cards examined. Fellow Worker W. H. Thompson arrived at 1:37.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That we take question after delegates on chairman's list have spoken. Carried.

Discussion finally closed. Motion again read, as follows: M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Erwin, 230), That Cesar Tabib be seated.

Record vote demanded; result as follows:

Fred Mann, 110, no; Fred Fisher, 110, no; Sam Oberman, 110, no; Joe Jordan, 110, no; Albert Hanson, 110, no; Chas. Gray, 110, no; S. J. Cole, 110, no; Leonard Broman, 120, no; P. J. Welinder, 120, no; Matt Johnson, 120, yes; Pat Cantwell, 120, no; Frank Grad, 120, no; Dan Murray, 120, no; Felix Mattson, 210-220, no; Joe Oates, 210-220, no; Claude Erwin, 230, yes; Roy Leonard, 310, no; Nelson, 310, yes; Elmer Swanson, 310, yes; Chas. Anderson, 310, no; Svante Henrikson, 330, no; E. Rumbaugh, 330, no; Emil Schwandt, 330, no; J. Sanjour, Los Angeles Branch 330, not voting; W. H. Thompson, 440, no; Louis Chuba, 440, no; Geo. Speed, 510, no; Aug. Walquist, 510, no. Lost, 4 to 23.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Cole, 110), That this leaflet pertaining to Tabib case be retained for future reference. Carried unanimously.

Chairman here presented following contest from Fellow Worker Matt Johnson, I. U. No. 120.

Geo. Speed, delegate to this convention from I. U. No. 510, is not eligible, as a delegate to this convention, according to Article 9, Sections 1 and 2 of the General Constitution, and Article 1, Section 4 of the General Constitution. He is hereby contested. (Signed) Matt Johnson.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh-Henrikson, 330): That the contest against Geo. Speed be turned over to the Credentials Committee for action, and proofs of contest be submitted to Credentials Committee.

Amend.: (Oates-Mann): That delegates as a whole take up this contest on the floor. Carried.

Discussion followed; statement made by Johnson also written, as follows: "Geo. Speed has not, to my best knowledge, worked in the marine transport industry for the last six months. (Signed) Matt Johnson."

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Gray, 110): That we do not concur with the contest against Geo. Speed.

Johnson spoke here, stating that if his statement was proven wrong, he would withdraw his contest; otherwise he maintained his right to carry through contest. Several others spoke following this.

Question called for by Jordan, two to speak yet. House supports call for question. Motion carried. 22 for, 2 against. Johnson voted No.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Oates, 210-220): That we take up the question of representation. Carried.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Walquist, 510): That the basis of representation be dues collected for the fiscal year beginning September 30, 1923, to September 30, 1924.

Question called for by Jordan, three speakers to

follow. House supports Jordan's call for question. Motion carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That a committee of five be elected, not more than one from any one industrial union, to ascertain the amount of dues paid to each industrial union. Carried.

M. & S. (Gray-Cantwell): That telegraphic information from I. U. Headquarters, signed by secretary, regarding amount of dues paid, be accepted temporarily. Carried.

Nominations

Broman, 120, accepts; Speed, 510, declines; Cole, 110, accepts; Mattson, 210-220, accepts; Swanson, 310, declines; Henrikson, 330, accepts; Fisher, 110, declines; Anderson, 310, declines; Walquist, 510, declines; Erwin, 230, accepts; Oates, 210-220, declines; Jordan, 110, declines; Chuba, 440, accepts; Nelson, 310, accepts.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Schwandt, 330): That nominations be closed. Carried.

The elected:—Cole, 22 votes; Broman, 21 votes; Nelson, 21 votes; Mattson, 20 votes; Erwin, 19 votes.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Johnson, 120): That we change meeting time to read, "from 9:00 a. m. to 12:30; 12:30 to 2:00 for lunch; 2:00 to 5:30." Carried.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Gray, 110): That we adjourn. Carried.

MORNING SESSION—FOURTH DAY OCTOBER 16, 1924

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Temp. Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Mann, Rumbaugh and Thompson. Chairman proceeds with reading of minutes. Rumbaugh arrived at 9:05, W. H. Thompson arrived at 9:10.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Oates, 210-220), That minutes be accepted as read. Carried.

Telegram from San Pedro Branch read by Chairman, and laid aside.

Representation Committee reports:

Mattson reported for Committee, and read figures collected by the committee on which they based representation. Explanation was made that the figures for 310 and 120 were available for 10 months only, that for that reason the figures had been divided by 10, to reach the average for one month, which was multiplied by 12, to reach average for year.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Swanson, 310), That report of the Representation Committee be accepted.

Amended (Gray, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That we accept representation offered by committee, subject to future correction.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Rumbaugh, 330), That we call question as soon as speakers on Chairman's list have finished. Carried.

Amendment carries motion. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Jordan, 110), That Fellow Worker Sanjour receive his one vote from I. U. 330. Carried, 18 to 3.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Mann, 110), That representation committee give us the tabulated figures of votes for each delegate. Carried.

I. U. 110:	90	votes,	7	delegates;	12 6-7	votes	each
I. U. 120:	200	"	6	"	33 1-3	"	"
I. U. 210-20:	56	"	2	"	28	"	"
I. U. 230:	10	"	1	"	10	"	"
I. U. 310:	87	"	4	"	21 3-4	"	"
I. U. 330:	19	"	3	"	6 1-3	"	"
I. U. 440:	15	"	2	"	7 1-2	"	"
I. U. 510:	122	"	2	"	61	"	"
I. U. 520:	22	"	No	"			
Small I. U.s:	30	"	No	"			

J. Sanjour, Los Angeles Br. I. U. 330, with one vote.
I. U. 410: 5 votes No Del. (Inc. in Small I. U. vote)
I. U. 460: 16 votes No Del. (Inc. in Small I. U. vote)

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Henrikson, 330): That report of Representation Committee as to individual votes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Oberman, 110), That we go into permanent session. Carried.

Nominations for Chairman in order.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Rumbaugh, 330), That nominations be closed.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Chuba, 440), That Fellow Worker P. J. Welinder, the present chairman, be elected by acclamation. 22 for, 3 against. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Erwin, 230), That we retain the present temporary recording secretary as permanent. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110), That we elect two conductors.

Amended (Rumbaugh, 330-Schwandt, 330), That there be one paid conductor. Amendment carried.

Nominations opened. Fellow Workers Fahey, Martin, Foster, Weir, Webber, Meyers and Severin nominated.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Swanson, 310), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Fellow Worker Jack Martin elected.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Rumbaugh, 330), That we throw open the hall for the public. Carried, 16 to 8.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Swanson, 310), That the minutes of this Convention proceedings be taken down verbatim.

Amended (Mann, 110-Gray, 110), That the proceedings on the controversy be taken down verbatim.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Swanson, 310), That we have roll call vote. Carried.

Voted first on amendment.

Mann, 110, yes; Fisher, 110, yes; Oberman, 110, no; Jordan, 110, yes; Hanson, 110, yes; Gray, 110, yes; Cole, 110, yes; Broman, 120, no; Welinder, 120, no; Johnson, 120, no; Cantwell, 120, no; Grad, 120, no; Murray, 120, no; Mattson, 210-220, yes; Oates, 210-220, no; Erwin, 230, no; Leonard, 310, no; Nelson, 310, no; Swanson, 310, no; Anderson,

310, no; Henrikson, 330, yes; Rumbaugh, 330, yes; Schwandt, 330, yes, Sanjour, 330, no; Thompson, 440, yes; Chuba, 440, no; Speed, 510, yes; Walquist, 510, no. Amendment lost, 407 1-3 against 189 3-4 for.

Roll call on motion:

Mann, 110, no; Fisher, 110, no; Oberman, 110, yes; Jordan, 110, no; Hanson, 110, no; Gray, 110, no; Cole, 110, no; Broman, 120, yes; Welinder, 120, yes; Johnson, 120, yes; Cantwell, 120, yes; Grad, 120, yes; Murray, 120, yes; Mattson, 210-220, no; Oates, 210-220, yes; Erwin, 230, yes; Leonard, 310, yes; Nelson, 310, yes; Swanson, 310, yes; Anderson, 310, yes; Henrikson, 330, no; Rumbaugh, 330, no; Schwandt, 330, yes; Sanjour, 330, yes; Thompson, 440, no; Chuba, 440, yes; Speed, 510, no; Walquist, 510, yes. Carried, 413 2-3 for, 184 1-2 against.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Fisher, 110), That we elect a Rules Committee of five. Carried.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Broman, 120), That we elect a Resolution Committee of five. Carried.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Murray, 120), That we elect a Constitutional Committee of five. Carried.

Amended (Walquist, 510-Mann, 110), That we elect a Constitution and By-laws Committee of five. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110), That we elect a Press Committee of two.

Amnded (Mann, 110-Oates, 210-220), That we elect a Press Committee of one, from outside of this body, and all matter for publicity be submitted to the floor of the convention before being published. Carried.

Oberman calls question. House supports call. Two speakers to speak.

Amendment carried, 20 to 4.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110), That Grievance Committee of 5 be elected with no more than one man from each industrial union to act on same. Carried.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Swanson, 310), That we elect a Ways and Means Committee of five. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cole, 110), That the Convention as a whole act as an Investigation Committee upon the controversy. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Oberman, 110), That we proceed with nominations and elections. Carried.

Nominations open for Rules Committee.

Anderson, Speed, (dec.), Johnson, Hanson, (dec.) Cantwell, (dec.), Henrikson, (dec.), Oates, Sanjour, Rumbaugh, Erwin and Cole nominated.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Chuba, 440), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Cole, 26 votes; Oates, 21 votes; Anderson, 20 votes; Erwin, 20 votes, Rumbaugh, 13 votes.

Nominations open for Resolutions Committee.

Schwandt, Jordan, (dec.), Leonard, (dec.), Broman, (dec.), Murray, (dec.), Johnson, Walquist, (dec.), Speed, Cantwell, Erwin, (dec.), Sanjour.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Speed, 20 votes; Cantwell, 20 votes; Thompson, 19 votes; Fisher, 17 votes; Swanson, 17 votes.

Constitution and By-laws Committee. Nominations open.

Schwandt, (dec.), Erwin, Leonard, (dec.), Walquist, Broman, Johnson, Henrikson, (dec.), Mattson, Jordan, Anderson, (dec.), Nelson, Schwandt, Hanson, (dec.), Murray, (dec.), Grad, (dec.)

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Mattson, 23 votes; Jordan, 25 votes; Nelson, 18 votes; Broman, 24 votes; Walquist, 20 votes.

Press Committee nominations:

Ed Delaney, Norman Weir and W. F. Lowe nominated.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Mann, 110), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Ed Delaney elected, with 14 votes.

Grievance Committee nominations:

Sanjour, (dec.), Leonard, Grad, (dec.), Speed, (dec.), Oates, Hanson, (dec.), Chuba, Johnson, Erwin, (dec.), Cole, (dec.), Henrikson, Murray and Mann.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Murray, 23 votes; Mann, 20 votes; Leonard, 21 votes; Henrikson, 18 votes; Chuba, 16 votes.

Nominations, Ways and Means Committee:

Welinder, Grad, Oberman, Schwandt, Johnson, Oates, (dec.), Swanson, (dec.), Hanson, Gray, Anderson, (dec.), Rumbaugh, (dec.), Walquist, (dec.), Sanjour, (dec.), Nelson, (dec.)

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Cole, 110), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Gray, 22 votes; Welinder, 22 votes; Johnson, 21 votes; Schwandt, 21 votes; Hanson, 18 votes.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Mann, 110): That we adjourn until tomorrow morning 9:00 a. m. Carried.

MORNING SESSION—FIFTH DAY
OCTOBER 17, 1924

Meeting called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Fred Fisher, S. J. Cole and Sam Oberman of 110.

Credentials were presented by Ruth Rumbaugh of the Small I. U.s and turned over to credentials committee. Fred Fisher arrived at 9:07.

Press committee reported, presenting statements for approval of this body.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Walquist, 510), That we accept the statement for the Daily Worker. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Chuba, 440), That we accept statement for Federated Press. Carried.

Cole and Oberman arrived at 9:11.

Minutes of yesterday's session read.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Mann, 110), That minutes of yesterday's session be accepted as read. Carried.

Report of credentials committee presented. Committee reports Ruth Rumbaugh of the Small I. U.s as being eligible as far as dues are concerned, bearing credentials signed by Doyle, Fisher, E. V. Wallis and M. Sapper, chairman of convention. The committee recommends that she be seated with 10 votes, the quota allowed to the Small I. U.s after deducting 410 and 460.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Leonard, 310), That we concur with credentials committee report. Carried.

Question called for by Speed of 510. House supports call for question. Motion carried, 19 to 3.

Report of rules committee, presented by Fellow Worker Joe Oates, 210-220, chairman rules committee.

Chair suggests that we act on these rules seriatim, and chair will rule that they stand accepted and adopted, unless objection is raised, when motion will be in order.

Rule No. 1. The hours of this convention shall be from 9 a. m. to 12:30 noon, and from 2:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Accepted and adopted.

Rule No. 2. Chair at opening of each session shall call the names of all delegates present, and put down names of all absent delegates. Accepted and adopted.

Rule No. 3. To get the floor, a delegate shall hold up his hand until recognized by the chair. Accepted and adopted.

Rule No. 4. In discussing a motion, all delegates shall be limited to 10 minutes, but the time can be extended at the pleasure of the convention. Discussion followed.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Broman, 120), That Rule No. 4 be accepted. Carried.

Rule No. 5. The maker of a motion shall have the opening and closing discussion if he so desires, and no other delegate shall have the floor twice on the same question.

M. & S. (Cantwell, 120-Grad, 120), That Rule No. 5 be adopted.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440), That we amend rule to read, "Maker shall have opening and closing argument, if he so desires, and no delegate shall have the floor twice until all delegates who so desire shall have spoken once."

Amendment to amendment (Jordan, 110-Oberman, 110), That the previous question will be in order when all delegates have spoken once.

Amendment to amendment lost, 6 to 18.

Amendment lost, 8 to 19.

Motion carried. Mann of 110 recorded voting opposed to motion. Chairman and Chuba opposed.

Rule No. 6. A majority vote shall decide all questions.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Thompson, 440), That rule be adopted, with the exception that a motion to rescind shall have a two-thirds majority. Lost. Rule No. 6 accepted and adopted.

Rule No. 7. All voting shall be decided at all times by raising the right hand, except when roll call is demanded.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Leonard, 310), That Rule No. 7 be adopted, and changed to include, record vote when demanded. Carried.

Rule No. 8. All nominees shall arise when nominated. Adopted.

Rule No. 9. All discussion is out of order when there is no motion before the house, unless a motion has been carried to throw the floor open for discussion. Adopted.

Rule No. 10. No motion can be made when another motion is before the house with the exception of certain privileged motions, such as motions to adjourn, take a recess or to table. These motions are undebatable. Adopted.

Rule No. 11. A point of order is always in order when asked through the chair. Adopted.

Rule No. 12. A point of information is not in order when there is a speaker on the floor. Adopted.

Rule No. 13. When a motion has been made and seconded, the chairman must either rule it out of order or put it before the convention. Adopted

Rule No. 14. Any delegate can take an appeal from the decision of the chair. In this case, the recording secretary takes the chair. The chairman shall state his reasons for making his ruling, the objector shall then state his reasons for making the appeal. No one else has anything to say on this matter. The acting chairman then puts the question to the house, thus: "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?" All in favor say yes, all opposed say no. After the vote the original chairman shall resume the chair and the convention proceed in conformity with the decision as to whether or not the chair is upheld. Adopted.

Rule No. 15. A motion to remove the chairman is always in order. Adopted.

Rule No. 16. Each delegate shall be furnished with a list of all delegates, stating the I. U. which they represent and the total votes of same. Adopted.

Rule No. 17. All committees shall be composed of five members, except press committee. The following committees shall be elected: rules committee, resolutions committee, ways and means committee, constitution and by-laws committee and grievance committee. Adopted.

Rule No. 19. A roll call vote is in order on demand of two delegates representing different industrial unions.

Amended (Speed, 510-Gray, 110), That roll call vote can be taken only when five delegates demand same.

Amendment to amendment (Jordan, 110-Mann, 110), A roll call vote is not in order unless three

delegates elected by different industrial unions demand same.

Question called by Gray. House supports call. Four speakers to follow.

Chair rules that amendment to amendment would not include representatives from branches. Jordan takes appeal from decision of chair. Chair sustained.

Vote on amendment to amendment. Lost. 12 to 16, on record vote as follows: yes, Mann-110, Fisher-110, Oberman-110, Jordan-110, Hanson-110, Gray-110, Cole-110, Schwandt-330, Henrikson-330, Thompson-440, Chuba-440, Rumbaugh-Small I. U.s; noes, Broman-120, Welinder-120, Johnson-120, Grad-120, Murray-120, Cantwell-120, Mattson-210-220, Oates-210-220, Erwin-230, Leonard-310, Nelson-310, Swanson-310, Anderson-310, Sanjour-L. A. branch 330, Walquist-510. Not voting, Rumbaugh-330, Speed-510.

Record vote called for by Jordan on amendment. Vote follows:

Mann, 110, no; Fisher, 110, no; Oberman, 110, no; Jordan, 110, no; Hanson, 110, no; Gray, 110, no; Cole, 110, no; Broman, 120, no; Welinder, 120, no; Johnson, 120, no; Grad, 120, no; Murray, 120, no; Cantwell, 120, no; Mattson, 210-220, no; Oates, 210-220, no; Erwin, 230, no; Leonard, 310, no; Nelson, 310, no; Anderson, 310, no; Swanson, 310, no; Henrikson, 330, no; Rumbaugh, 330, no; Schwandt, 330, yes; Sanjour, Los Angeles Branch 330, no; Thompson, 440, no; Chuba, 440, no; Speed, 510, yes; Walquist, 510, no; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., no.—Lost. 2 to 27 against.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Mann, 110): That we amend motion to read, "Roll call vote shall be taken when demanded by three delegates belonging to three different industrial unions."

Record vote demanded by Mann. Vote follows:

Mann, 110, yes; Fisher, 110, yes; Oberman, 110, yes; Jordan, 110, yes; Hanson, 110, yes; Gray, 110, yes; Cole, 110, no; Broman, 120, no; Welinder, 120, no; Johnson, 120, no; Grad, 120, no; Murray, 120, no; Cantwell, 120, no; Mattson, 210-220, no; Oates, 210-220, no; Erwin, 230, no; Leonard, 310, no; Nelson, 310, no; Swanson, 310, no; Anderson, 310, no; Henrikson, 330, yes; Rumbaugh, 330, yes; Schwandt, 330, yes; Sanjour, L. A. Br., no; Thompson, 440, yes; Chuba, 440, yes; Speed, 510, yes; Walquist, 510, yes; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., yes.—Lost. 14 for, 15 opposed.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Murray, 120): That we adopt Rule No. 19, as read.

Record vote demanded. Vote as follows:

Mann, 110, absent; Fisher, 110, yes; Oberman, 110, no; Jordan, 110, no; Hanson, 110, no; Gray, 110, yes; Cole, 110, yes; Broman, 120, yes; Welinder, 120, yes; Johnson, 120, yes; Grad, 120, yes; Murray, 120, yes; Cantwell, 120, yes; Mattson, 210-220, yes; Oates, 210-220, yes; Erwin, 230, yes; Leonard, 310, yes, Nelson, 310, yes; Swanson, 310, yes; Anderson, 310, yes; Henrikson, 330, no; Rumbaugh, 330, yes; Schwandt, 330, no; Sanjour, L. A. Br., 330, yes; Thompson, 440, no; Chuba, 440, no; Speed, 510, no; Walquist, no; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., no.—Carried. 18 for, 10 against, one absent.

Rule No. 20: Committees shall report as follows: Rules, Resolutions, Ways and Means, Grievance, Constitution and By-Laws.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Gray, 110): That Press Committee report first, then Rules Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Resolutions Committee, Constitution and By-laws Committee and Grievance Committee. Carried, 18 to 5.

Rule No. 21: That minutes of each day's session shall be read fifteen minutes prior to adjournment. Adopted.

Rule No. 22: All delegates must remain seated until chairman officially declares sessions adjourned. Adopted.

Signed by Rules Committee: **Joe Oates, Chairman, S. J. Cole, E. Rumbaugh, C. Anderson, C. Erwin.**

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Nelson, 310): That report of Rules Committee be accepted as progress, and that copies of these rules be furnished to each delegate. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Speed, 510): That we add a rule, Rule No. 23: "That a roll call vote will not be in order to settle any grievance that comes up on convention floor."

Chair rules motion out of order, on the ground that it conflicts with Rule No. 19.

Jordan takes appeal on chair. Demands record vote. Vote follows:

Mann, 110, no; Fisher, 110, no; Oberman, 110, no; Hanson, 110, no; Gray, 110, no; Cole, 110, no; Broman, 120, yes; Welinder, 120, yes; Johnson, 120, yes; Grad, 120, yes; Murray, 120, yes; Cantwell, 120, yes; Mattson, 210-220, yes; Oates, 210-220, yes; Erwin, 230, yes; Leonard, 310, yes; Nelson, 310, yes; Swanson, 310, yes; Anderson, 310, yes; Henrikson, 330, no; Rumbaugh, 330, no; Schwandt, 330, no; Sanjour, L. A. Br., yes; Thompson, 440, no; Chuba, 440, no; Speed, 510, no; Walquist, 510, no; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., no.—Chair not sustained, 13 for, 14 against. Motion in order.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Oates, 210-220): That we demand roll call vote. Vote follows:

Mann, 110, yes; Fisher, 110, yes; Oberman, 110, yes; Jordan, 110, yes; Hanson, 110, yes; Gray, 110, yes; Cole, 110, yes; Broman, 120, no; Welinder, 120, yes; Johnson, 120, no; Grad, 120, no; Murray, 120, no; Cantwell, 120, no; Mattson, 210-220, no; Oates, 210-220, no; Erwin, 230, no; Leonard, 310, no; Nelson, 310, no; Swanson, 310, no; Anderson, 310, no; Henrikson, 330, yes; Rumbaugh, 330, yes; Schwandt, 330, yes; Sanjour, L. A. Br., 330, no; Thompson, 440, yes; Chuba, 440, no; Walquist, 510, yes; Speed,

510, yes; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., yes.—Lost. 281 5-6 for, 328 1-6 against.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110): That the delegates to this convention be released from their instructions on all questions pertaining to controversy.

Chair rules motion out of order. Jordan takes appeal. Chair not sustained, 14 to 12.

Motion in order. Question called by Speed. House supports call for question. Five speakers to follow.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Swanson, 310): That we demand a roll call vote.

Lost.—158 1-2 for, 353 against.

Ways and Means Committee reports. Gray takes floor. Reports they have nothing to report as yet, except that Master Reporting Co. has been hired to take verbatim report, and is here.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Chuba, 440): That we accept verbal report of Ways and Means Committee as progress. Carried unanimously.

Resolutions Committee reports. Speed takes floor. Nothing to report at this time; recommends resolutions from all industrial unions be in hand of committee as soon as possible.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That report of Resolutions Committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Nelson, 310): That all resolutions be in the hands of the Resolutions Committee by adjournment tonight.

Discussion follows: Question called for by Walquist. House supports call. Carried. Motion carried.

Constitution and By-laws Committee reports it has nothing to report as yet. Accepted as progress by Chair; no objection.

Grievance Committee reports, Mann on floor. Unable to report at this time. Report is accepted as progress by Chair; no objection.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Nelson, 310): That we go to Special Order of Business when we convene at 2 p. m., so that Gray can submit a resolution pertaining to present controversy. Motion will be an effort to lift the injunction. Carried.

Adjourned at 12:30 noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIFTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order by Chairman at 2 p. m. All delegates present.

Floor thrown open on Special Order of Business.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120): That pending investigation and trial, we suspend from office Tom Doyle, General Secretary-Treasurer, James, Morris, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Fisher, General Organizer, J. J. McMurphy, Alternate General Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Griffith, Alternate Organizer, and G. E. B. Members James Rowan, 120, P. D. Ryan, 310, Fred Bowerman, 440, Sam Kapon, 210-220, Harry Trotter, 520, Arthur Linn, 110, and Chas. Gibson, 230. Suspension to take effect Friday at 5:00 p. m.—Motion carried. 28 to 1 not voting; Johnson not voting.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Rumbaugh, 330), That we nominate and elect a temporary administration of 3, to have charge of the General Headquarters and General Administration of the I. W. W., said temporary administration to be under the instructions and jurisdiction of this convention, no suspended member or any one involved in the general headquarters controversy to function on this committee. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Erwin, 230), That the New General Administration return all books, records and property of I. U. 120, 310, 440 or any I. U. at present not in Headquarters' Building at 1001 W. Madison St.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Henrikson, 330): That we amend motion by striking out all reference to I. U. 440 and I. U. 520.

Amend. to amend. (Henrikson, 330-Thompson, 440), That supplies, books, everything belonging to 310 and 120 be turned over to the respective officials of those industrial unions and 440 and 520 be controlled by the administration body elected by this body.

Substitute, (Fisher, 110-Mann, 110), That all property of 120 and 310 be turned over to them, providing they give us a written statement that they recognize this as a legal and lawful convention of the I. W. W., and that the property of 440 and 520 be kept in the Small I. U.s until final decision on the controversy.

Chair rules Broman cannot speak twice on this motion and subject, in accord with rule No. 5.

Broman appeals rule of chair on ground that substitute has introduced new subject matter. Chair not sustained. More discussion.

Nelson calls for question. House supports call. Jordan calls for record vote.

Record vote on substitute follows:

Mann, 110, yes; Fisher, 110, yes; Oberman, 110, no; Jordan, 110, yes; Hanson, 110, no; Gray, 110, no; Cole, 110, no; Welinder, 120, no; Broman, 120, no; Johnson, 120, no; Grad, 120, no; Murray, 120, no; Cantwell, 120, no; Mattson, 210-220, No; Oates, 210-220, no; Erwin, 230, no; Leonard, 310, no; Nelson, 310, no; Swanson, 310, no; Anderson, 310, no; Henrikson, 330, no; Rumbaugh, 330, no; Schwandt, 330, no; Sanjour L. A. Br. 330, no; Thompson, 440, no; Chuba, 440, no; Speed, 510, no; Walquist, 510, no; Rumbaugh, S. I. U.s, no. 26 against, 3 for. Lost.

Record vote on amendment to amendment follows:

Mann, 110, yes; Fisher, 110, no; Oberman, 110, no; Jordan, 110, no; Hanson, 110, yes; Gray, 110, yes; Cole, 110, yes; Welinder, 120, yes; Broman, 120, yes; Johnson, 120, yes; Grad, 120, yes; Murray, 120, yes; Cantwell, 120, yes; Mattson, 210-220, yes; Oates, 210-220, yes; Erwin, 230, yes; Leonard,

310, yes; Nelson, 310, yes; Swanson, 310, yes; Anderson, 310, yes; Henrikson, 330, yes; Rumbaugh, 330, yes; Schwandt, 330, yes; Sanjour, L. A. Br., yes; Thompson, 440, yes; Chuba, 440, yes; Speed, 510, yes; Walquist, 510, yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh, yes. 26 to 3, amend to amend carried, also carries motion.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Thompson, 440), That Henry Griffin be given floor on special privilege. 12 for, 8 against. Motion carried. Broman of 120 not voting, as he did not know what he was voting for, as no clue was given as to reason Griffin wanted floor.

Griffin spoke, demanding that he recognized by this body as duly elected alternate, or charges be preferred against him.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120), That all officials be notified this afternoon of our action here today. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110), That the newly elected temporary administration, elected from this floor, make their headquarters at 1001 W. Madison St. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440), That committee of five be elected from this body to represent the I. W. W. in the court room Monday morning, for the lifting of the injunction, and the rest of the delegates present themselves in the court room on Monday morning. Lost. 7 for 18 against.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Fisher, 110), That we go to nominations and elections of 3 temporary officials. Carried. 16 to 6.

Nominations opened.

Aleck Kolar (declined); John Russell (not present); J. P. Thompson (not present); H. Griffin (declined on grounds stated in addressing convention); John Black (dec.); Joe Oates (declined); W. F. Lowe accepts. Objected to by F. W. Leonard because of article bearing his name in G. O. Bulletin in re per capita tax. Louis Handler (decline); Ed Fahey (declined); P. J. Welinder (declined).

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Hendrickson, 330), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Nominations re-opened.

Norman Weir (declined); Nick Radivoeff (declined); S. Henrikson (declined); L. Broman (declined); Chas. Gray (declined); Joe Jordan (declined); Geo. Speed (declined).

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Oberman, 110), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Nominations reopened.

W. F. Lowe accepts. Objections withdrawn by F. W. Leonard. Geo. Ellis accepts. Objected to by Leonard as his name appears on article in G. O. Bulletin, entitled, "Are We Gangsters and Gunmen?"

Chair rules that nominees can be elected from this body, and help hired to carry on work in headquarters. No objections.

Fahey nominated, accepts; Jordan declines; Erwin declines; Black accepts; Delaney declines; Mann declines; Broman accepts; Cantwell declines; Gray accepts; Cole declines; Walquist declines; Schwandt declines.

M. & S. (Speed, 510 - Henrikson, 330): That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Leonard Broman, I. U. 120, 23 votes; Chas. Gray, I. U. 110, 15 votes; Ed J. Fahey, I. U. 310, 14 votes. Stand as elected committee.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Broman, 120), That the officials of all I. U.s be instructed not to pay over any per capita tax to any one except the committee elected. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mann, 110), That we elect a notification committee of three to notify the respective officials of our action at once. Carried.

Nominations opened.

Murray (declined); Walquist (declined); Cole accepts; Chas. Anderson accepts; Rumbaugh accepts; Thompson (declined); Grad accepts; Jordan accepts; Oberman (declined); Mattson (declined).

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Cole, 110), That nominations be closed. Carried.

Elected are: Frank Grad, 22 votes; Joe Jordan, 20 votes and Ruth Rumbaugh, 16 votes.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Hanson, 110), That the Notification Committee be excused from this session, in order to notify officials of action taken.

Amend. (Erwin, 230-Leonard, 310), That both committees be excused from balance of today's session.

Report of Auditing Committee presented.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Anderson, 310), That we adjourn. Carried.

MORNING SESSION—SIXTH DAY

Saturday, October 18, 1924.

Called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Chas. Gray, 110, and Leonard Broman, 120, who are excused for committee duty; and Matt Johnson, 120.

Reading of minutes, by Reading Clerk, E. Rumbaugh.

Johnson arrives at 9:10 a. m.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310): That minutes be accepted as read.—Carried.

Temporary Administration Committee letter presented as written report, as follows:

"To the Sixteenth General Constitutional Convention of The Industrial Workers of the World, assembled at the Emmet Memorial Hall, Chicago, Illinois:

Fellow Workers:

We, your temporary administration committee, have taken over the keys, the effects, and office located at 1001 W. Madison St., as per your instructions.

We have agreed amongst ourselves pending your approval, that the temporary officials shall be:

Ed. J. Fahey, Secretary-Treasurer, pro tem.;
Chas. Gray, Assistant Sec'y-Treas., pro tem.;
Leonard Broman, General Organizer, pro tem.

Yours for the I. W. W.

(Signed) **E. J. Fahey, General Sec'y-Treas., pro tem.; Chas. Gray, Assistant General Sec'y-Treas., pro tem.; Leonard Broman, General Organizer, pro tem."**

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That report of temporary administration committee be accepted.—Carried.

Resolution submitted by Gray, as follows:

"Resolved, That the funds of this organization deposited in the Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank at Halsted and Madison Streets, Chicago, Ill., be withdrawn by check, draft or note of acceptance of the organization, signed by its General Administration officials pro tempore, who are now Ed J. Fahey, General Secretary-Treasurer; Chas. Gray, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and Leonard Broman, General Organizer and official chairman of the General Executive Board, whose signatures are as follows:

E. J. FAHEY
General Secretary-Treasurer pro tempore.
CHARLES GRAY
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer pro tempore.
LEONARD BROMAN
General Organizer pro tempore.

They are hereby authorized to make, negotiate and endorse in the organization's name all checks, drafts, notes, loans, acceptances and other negotiable paper. Also to pledge as collateral for loans any securities belonging to the organization; and all checks, drafts, notes, acceptances and other negotiable papers so signed shall be paid by said bank, and charged to the organization's account, whether payable to the individual order of the said officer or officers so signing, or otherwise, hereby ratifying and approving all that said bank may do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

We hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted, as above stated.

(Signed) **P. J. Welinder,** Chairman, Convention; **L. McCarthy,** Record Secretary."

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330 - Fisher, 110): That we adopt the resolution as read.

Question called by Speed, 510. Two speakers to follow. House supports call. Motion carried, 23 to 1.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Oates, 210-220): That we instruct the temporary Administration Committee to get all funds both from Doyle and Fisher and Griffith and Rowan transferred to them, and transferred today.

Amend. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we temporary Administration Committee get all the monies, books and property belonging to General Headquarters from Bowerman, Griffith, Rowan, Trotter, McMurphy, Doyle, Fisher, Morris, Ryan, Linn, Gibson and Sam Kapon. Amendment carried, 25 for, none opposed.

Notification Committee reports, Jordan, Chairman, speaks.

"I went to 1001 W. Madison St., and presented document to Joe Fisher. After reading it, Fisher signed. Then I went to Tom Doyle. He also signed. James Morris also signed. Chas. Gibson also signed. The committee then went to 186 N. La Salle St., to Room 608. Rowan and Daly were in room 608. The committee presented document to Jas. Rowan, and after reading it carefully, he refused to sign it. We explained to him that there was an Administration Committee of three elected on the floor of this convention to take over the entire affairs of the I. W. W., and also explained to him that one member of 120, one of 310 and one of 110 were elected on the committee. He then hesitated, and said that he might sign, after he had an interview with the committee, (administration commitee). The commitee then asked him if any of the other fellow workers concerned were present in the building, and he said that J. A. Griffith was in Room 607. We went into room 607, to see Griffith. Griffith, after reading the communication, immediately signed his name to it. We asked if Bowerman or Ryan or Trotter were there, or J. J. McMurphy, and Griffith stated that J. J. McMurphy had not been in Chicago for some time. He did not know where he was. He also stated that Kapon is in the field, and he does not know where he can be located. We asked him where we could find Ryan, and he did not know, but he was not there. We asked where he was rooming, and he did not know. Then asked him if he knew where we could find Bowerman, and he said, 'No.' That he had not seen Bowerman for at least five or six days. Said that Bowerman does not come around the office any more, and has not been attending any meetings. We then went into the hallway, and decided to go in and see Rowan once more. We interviewed Rowan again, and asked him if he would reconsider the stand he took, but he said he would not sign then, but might sign tomorrow. We explained that we had to report this morning at 9:00 and asked him if he would give us a written statement of why he would not sign. He said that we should come back and tell you that he would not sign. At headquarters, last night, I tried to locate Arthur Linn. I asked Hanley where Linn was, and he stated he was out of town at the present time. I told him the committee was elected to get Arthur Linn's signature to this document, and I have here a resignation from F. W. Linn, dated Sept. 27, in which he empowers F. W. Wm. Hanley to sign all documents concerning his resignation. Hanley signed Linn's name, also his own. The committee sent the following telegram to J. J. McMurphy, 223 N. Bernard St., Spokane, Wash.: "This is to inform you of the following motion, passed at the convention today: 'M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120): That pending investigation and trial, we suspend from office Tom Doyle, General Secretary-Treasurer; James Morris, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Joe Fisher, General Organizer, J.

A. Griffith, Alternate Organizer; and G. E. B. Members Jas. Rowan, I. U. No. 120; P. D. Ryan, I. U. No. 310; Fred Bowerman, I. U. No. 440; Harry E. Trotter, I. U. No. 520; Sam Kapon, I. U. Nos. 210-220; Arthur Linn, I. U. No. 110; Chas. Gibson, I. U. No. 230, and J. J. McMurphy, Alternate, Sec'y-Teas. Suspension to take effect Friday at 5:00 p. m. Carried unanimously.' "

Grad then took floor on his report.

"I would like to correct statement of F. W. Jordan. It is not exactly as previous speaker stated. I understood Rowan to say that he refused to sign, that he must consult Administration Committee before he would sign it, but he might sign it later on, and I was at 186 N. La Salle St. this morning trying to catch up with Ryan. I was there at 8:30, but there was no one there."

Verified by F. W. Ruth Rumbaugh, Small I. U.s.

Cantwell requested floor to speak on this subject, stating that he had seen Rowan, and would like to tell the convention of the conversation:— "I was hostile when I heard about this, and I made it my business this morning to see Jim Rowan, and I asked him why he didn't sign, and here is the statement that he made to me: 'Until such time as the property of 520 and 440 is turned over to those industrial union secretaries, I absolutely refuse to sign'. Until such time as the industrial unions mentioned are placed in the same position and on the same footing as they were July 29, of this year, he will not sign. Also for the reason of the action resorted to in boosting those industrial unions from headquarters. You all know the action to which I refer. I have no proof of any action, but I thought I would make this statement and let you fellow workers do what you thought best about it. He also stated that on account of this action used by persons in headquarters on members of the I. W. W., and were taken into court for their activities in the organization, that this question would be whether the organization approves this action or not, but they will have records to produce to show the action was used by officials of the organization, and in the headquarters of the organization."

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Nelson, 310): That report of Notification Committee be accepted as progress. —Carried unanimously.

Press Committee reports. Statements for press read by Ed Delaney.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That we accept Press Committee's report.—Carried.

Two communications brought up by chair.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Cole, 110): That both communications be submitted to their respective committees: Grievance Committee and Credentials Committee.

Rules Committee reports. Oates reports that they have nothing to report.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Swanson, 310): That we do not recognize any more industrial union conventions called while this convention is in session.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Speed, 510): That question be taken after 7 on Chairman's list have spoken. Call supported by house.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110): That the motion be tabled until 2:00 p. m., Tuesday.— Carried.

Resolutions Committee reports. Speed reports for committee, as Chairman.

The resolutions committee has segregated all the resolutions and gave them to their respective committees. I will present those we have acted upon:

Resolution No. 36, read as follows: (From Southwestern District, I. U. No. 310).

Whereas, The motto of the I. W. W. is "An injury to one is an injury to all," and "Solidarity;" and

Whereas, In the past some members have violated same in the following manner: filing for parole, clemency and commutation; also accepting such offers when made to them; also accepting position such as on road gangs; also waiting for, and accepting work vacated by fellow workers on strike while in prison; therefore, be it

Resolved, That those who have violated and those who will violate said motto, i. e., "An injury to one is an injury to all," and "Solidarity," be barred from holding any position in the I. W. W. for all times, unless in case of sickness, with the consent of their fellow workers confined with them.

Resolutions Committee does not concur with this resolutions, with the exception of Elmer Swanson, who voted for concurring with it.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Grad, 120): That we do not concur with Resolutions Committee.

M. & S. (Cole-Rumbaugh): That we table resolution and motion, indefinitely.—Lost.

Role call vote demanded by Jordan, 110, and Anderson, 310.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Cole, 110): That we divide votes of absent delegates up equally between the remaining delegates.—Carried unanimously.

Roll call vote follows: I. U. 110, Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, no; Cole, no; I. U. 120, Welinder, no; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; Cantwell, not voting; Johnson, not voting. (Gave as reason that he was uninstructed); I. U.s Nos. 210-220, Mattson, no; Oates, no; I. U. No. 230, Erwin, yes; I. U. No. 310, Leonard, yes; Albert Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; I. U. No. 330, Henrikson, no; Rumbaugh, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, L. A. Br., no; I. U. No. 440, Thompson, no; Chuba, no; Speed, 510, no; Walquist, 510, no; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., no. Motion of Leonard-Grad lost on roll call vote. 338 against, 177 for.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Walquist, 510): That we concur with Resolutions Committee.—Carried, 17 to 7. Leonard, Swanson, Nelson and Anderson vote No; also Murray, Erwin and Grad.

Resolution No. 92, read as follows:

(I. U. No. 330 resolution).

Resolved, That any one having been in prison for one year or longer, shall not be eligible to hold any official position in the I. W. W. until one year has elapsed.

Resolutions Committee does not concur, unanimously.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That we concur with Resolutions Committee.

Question called by Mann. Two speakers. House supports call. Motion carried, 16 for, 5 opposed.

Resolution No. 32, read as follows:

Portland Conference:—Whereas, It has been proven in the past that the present system of getting the ballots in the field is very loose and inefficient, and allows members who are running for office to further their personal ambitions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all ballots be issued in rotation from No. A1 to No. 100; No. B1 to 100, etc.; and ballots to have duplicate stubs, members to vote on both ballots and stubs; ballots to be sent to the main office and stubs to be kept in district or branch so that they can be checked up at any time; delegates to be held responsible for all ballots issued to them, and a check to be kept on same in district or branch office. Resolutions Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Murray, 120): That we concur with Resolutions Committee. Carried, 19 to 5.

Resolutions Committee reports no more resolutions ready for floor. Report accepted as progress by chair, with no objections.

Adjourned at 12:30 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SIXTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. Delegates all present except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty, and Matt Johnson.

M. & S. (Cole-Rumbaugh): That we elect one member on the Credentials Committee to fill the vacancy of Chas. Gray.—Carried.

M. & S. (Swanson-Erwin): That we elect a man to fill the place of Chas. Gray on Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Nominations open for Credentials Committee member.

Anderson, accepts; Oberman, declines; Cole, declines; Murray, accepts.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That nominations be closed. Carried.

Murray, 9 votes, elected.

Nominations opened for member for Ways and Means Committee.

Oberman, accepts; Anderson, accepts; Cole, declines; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., accepts. Oberman, 10 votes, elected.

Hanson states that Ways and Means Committee has nothing to report. Accepted as progress by chair, no objection.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cantwell, 120): That minutes of October 17 be recalled on account of error.—Carried.

Constitution Committee reports; Walquist on floor. States as follows: "Resolution was handed over to us last night, but, owing to one of our members being otherwise occupied, we met today and decided to meet in Headquarters tomorrow morning." Accepted as progress, no objection.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That report of Constitution and By-laws Committee be accepted as progress.—Carried.

Mann, Chairman of Grievance Committee, reports that they had a meeting the night before, but were unable to get very far, and have nothing specific to report. Report accepted.

M. & S. (Schwandt-Oberman): That we hear report of secretary of California Defense.—Carried.

Ed Delaney reports as follows:

"Fellow Workers:

On August 8, 1923, I came to California at the request of Fellow Worker Tom Connors, who was then secretary of the California branch of the General Defense Committee, to aid in the campaign against the criminal syndicalism persecution. On February 1, 1924, I took charge of the office when F. W. Connors was convicted in Sacramento. Since that time I have remained in charge.

This office, as you no doubt know, has directed the campaign in California, with the exception of the Los Angeles district, where an office has been maintained. Upon my arrival in this office, I proceeded to make a thorough investigation of all matters pertaining to the situation existing here, and found that F. W. Connors had in use the most effective weapon that we could hope for in our fight to crush the criminal syndicalism law. The members also were going at a rate that promised defeat was impossible. They were steadily building an organization that would in time prove to be an insurmountable barrier for the trusts of this state.

The methods used in defense were efficient. However, we were handicapped to a very great extent on our strongest factor—that of getting out publicity. Our greatest handicap was the shortage of funds for this purpose. Some may be inclined to doubt this statement after glancing at our financial statement for the year and noticing the items of expense listed under publicity. To those, I would remind that there are in California some two million voters, and in order to even attempt to get publicity in a small percentage of their hands, we found it necessary to use every dollar for postage and printing. Because of that we necessarily had to neglect purchasing machinery of a nature that would facilitate our shipping. As a consequence, we were forced to do all our mailing by old, worn-out hand methods, which is, to say the least, a slow and painful process.

However, these barriers had to be contended with, and after much persistent study, and with

the advice of many members, we came to the one conclusion that we must pursue the method started by F. W. Connors—in the main, putting out publicity relative to the aims, objects and methods of the I. W. W., to every citizen in the state. Another method was to make each and every trial into an open forum of a type. That is, to have a very thorough discussion on the class struggle in the courtrooms. This was accomplished by questioning the defense witnesses. We managed to have witnesses testify, that came from nearly every walk of life, each in their turn giving valuable data on the particular industry in which they worked.

Now we feel that this persecution has started on the beginning of its end. But four cases are pending at the present time. And out of the 73 men tried this year, we have lost but nine, the remainder were either acquitted, dismissed, or a hung jury and later dismissal being the verdict. The one case which we have lost to date, was more of a psychological defeat than otherwise. Owing to the limited class of citizens from which a jury can be selected, and you may be sure that few wage workers were passed, it was possible for the master class to greatly influence their minds. It can also be said that in this particular case, which was tried in Eureka, we were unable to put a piece of printed matter in the country until after the trial had started, because of the extreme shortage of funds. In fact, we lay the loss of this case to that cause, and that cause alone.

Regarding the legal fight made in each case, with or without attorneys, we believe that it has constantly improved. We have some little success with appeals in the higher court. And in each case that was appealed we have gained at least one point, even though the appeal was not decided in our favor. The most important point is now in the State Supreme Court. It is the point involving membership, that is to say, it will settle for all time the point as to whether mere membership is enough to warrant conviction under the criminal syndicalism law.

The Busick injunction, we believe, can be safely classified as a dead letter, insofar as Sacramento County is concerned. It is our opinion that the public opinion is too strong for the authorities of that county to attempt to use it. However, we expect much petty persecution from it in other counties as a reaction from the criminal syndicalism law.

At the present time, Humboldt, Sacramento, Lassen and Imperial counties are the only ones retaining the criminal syndicalism law at all. That is, they are the only counties which have showed any tendency toward its use. Of these four counties, we fear only Lassen county. In this county is the stronghold of a new association which was formed for the express purpose of exterminating the I. W. W. However, we believe that after the Bruns case is settled, this county will fall in line with the others, which have ceased using this law.

In conclusion, I wish to state that there is no question of a most successful continuation of the growth of the I. W. W. in California. The magnitude of our growth, of course, depends on the support the California membership receive from the balance of our members.

Attached hereto are several recommendations which I am submitting as a result of my experience in California's fight during the past fourteen months, which I believe are advisable for the good and welfare of the organization. I trust they will receive your careful consideration.

If it would not be interfering with the work of this convention, and you members assembled here, deem it advisable, I would like to have the floor under special privilege, that I might go into a more detailed account of the year's work in this state.

With best wishes, I remain, Yours for a Greater I. W. W.,

(Signed) **Ed Delaney**, Sec'y-Treas., California **Defense Committee.**"

Johnson arrived at 2:30 p. m.

Delaney was given floor on special privilege, and went into all cases in California during last year, explaining in detail, also presented financial reports.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Henrikson, 330): That we accept report and financial statement of the secretary of the California Defense Committee, Ed Delaney.

Question called for by Fisher. Two speakers. House supports call. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation No. 1, presented by Delaney.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Thompson, 440): That recommendation No. 1 from Ed Delaney be turned over to Resolutions Committee.—Carried.

Recommendation No. 2 read by F. W. Delaney. Referred to Resolutions Committee by Chair, no objection.

Recommendation No. 3 read.

M. & S. (Fisher-Oberman): That this be referred to Resolutions Committee.

Amended (by Murray, 120-Nelson, 310): That it be referred to Grievance Committee.

Question called by Henrikson. Two speakers. House supports call.

Amendment lost. Motion carried. Grad opposed to motion.

Resignation presented by Delaney, as follows:

"To the 16th Annual Convention of the I. W. W.
Chicago, Ill.
Fellow Workers:

Inasmuch as it is impossible to turn in my resignation to the General Defense Committee, and due to the present controversy I have no other source to come to, I am hereby turning in my resignation as secretary of the California branch of the General Defense Committee, to take effect immediately."

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cantwell, 120): That resignation of Ed Delaney be accepted.—Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Sanjour, 330): That Pete

Stone be left in there, temporarily, and we will take this matter up again, later.—Carried.

Vern Smith's report.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Cantwell, 120): That report of Vern Smith, editor of Pioneer and Solidarity be not accepted.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That we table the report of Vern Smith until we hear report of Grievance Committee in Vern Smith case. —Carried.

Report of Finnish monthly, Tie Vapauteen.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Swanson, 310): That we accept financial statement from Tie Vapauteen, subject to auditing committee.

Amend. (Schwandt, 330-Cole, 110): That report of Finnish magazine be accepted as progress.—Motion lost; amendment carried unanimously.

Report of Il Proletario, Italian paper, read.

Gray and Broman arrived at 4:27 p. m.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Cole, 110): That report of Il Proletario be laid over to New Business.

Amend. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That we accept report of editor of Il Proletario, and turn his recommendations therein to respective committees. Amendment lost; motion carried.

Temporary Administration Committee reports.

Broman spoke, as follows:

"This morning we received your instructions pertaining to taking over the funds and effects of the offices of both factions, so we decided to go to 186 No. La Salle St., and see if we could get those fellows to sign a release of the monies and whatever property they were holding belonging to the general organization. We were told that they were going into session to decide what to do. It was about 12:00 o'clock then, or half past, and they asked us to come back at 3:00. And at 3:00 when we appeared again, they were not ready, so we went back again at 3:30. They were not ready yet, so we stayed and waited until ten or twenty minutes after four, then we got a statement from the executive board. In the meantime, while we were outside waiting, we met Griffith, and he gave us a signed statement, as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18, 1924.

To the 16th Annual Convention of the I. W. W.
Fellow Workers:

In regard to recognizing you as the I. W. W. convention, I do; and I am perfectly willing to appear before the body and answer all questions, also to give you a financial statement and have it audited by a committee from your body.

In regard to turning over funds and property to your duly elected committee, it is perfectly agreeable to me. The reason I have not appeared before the convention is not because I do not recognize you; I do not care to be accused of lobbying for myself. I am willing to abide by your decision, whatever it may be.

I have wages due me if I am correct, of $61. I have no funds on hand of the organization, and very little of my own.

With best wishes I remain,

Yours for the I. W. W.,

J. A. Griffith, suspended
Chairman of the G. E. B.

P. S. I was informed I was no longer a board member after I informed the board I signed suspension notice. This statement was drawn up two hours before I was informed I was no longer a board member. We want no one to think I wish any consideration on this.—**J. A. Griffith.**

The following statement was then given us by the suspended G. E. B. officials.

To the Membership of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Chicago, Ill.

October 18, 1924.

Officials statement by the General Executive Board.

Fellow Workers:

Several committees have appeared before the G. E. B. to ascertain if there was any settlement than can be made regarding the present headquarters situation. As this matter has come up time and again, we will issue the following statement, which will suffice to show our position.

1—The books, records, property and funds of I. U.s Nos. 120, 310, 440 and 520 must be turned over to their respective secretaries—Maurice Daly, Wm. Buchwald, M. Raddock, and John Grady. Any audit of the I. U. books or accounts of the above-mentioned industrial unions shall be left to the G. O. C. or I. U. conventions. Auditing committees appointed by Doyle or Fisher are illegal and will not be recognized by the Board.

2—The removal or recall of any I. U. secretary or any member of the G. O. C. shall be legal **only** if carried into effect by the membership or convention of the I. U. G. O. C. chairman and secretaries shall be subject to removal **only** as called for in the I. U. by-laws.

3—The G. O. C. of each I. U. shall appoint at once one member of the G. O. C. of I. U.s Nos. 110, 120, 210-220, 230, 310, 330, 440, 510, and 520 immediately to audit the books and account of the General Office, General Defense, Educational Bureau, Equity Print Shop, and Small Industrial Unions. **This committee shall act as a General Administration Committee and shall have full charge of the above-mentioned offices in No. 3 until the next general election. Doyle, Fisher, and Morris shall turn over all affairs of the above-mentioned offices in No. 3 to them and shall vacate headquarters AT ONCE.**

4—ALL EMPLOYES IN THE GENERAL OFFICE, GENERAL DEFENSE, SOLIDARITY, EQUITY PRINT SHOP, EDUCATIONAL BUREAU and THE SMALL INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OFFICE SHALL BE DISCHARGED.

5—No general convention will be recognized by the G. E. B., which has as delegates, committees, or officials, ANY who have participated physically in the present controversy, helped, aided or abetted in ejecting the G. E. B. or any I. U. officials from headquarters, or members who have been expelled, or members who have been on pay of the organization ninety days previous to the convention, and will recognize only such delegates as have credentials from the G. E. B., from their I. U. conventions, or from branches which elected them to act as delegates.

General Executive Board of the I. W. W.
(Rubber Seal of General Administration).
(Signed with typewriter) **Harry Trotter**, Rec. Chairman.
(Signed with typweriter) **Harry Trotter**, Rec. **Secretary.**

Gray took the floor here, spoke as follows:

Things came up which are not covered in that statement. Rowan was very inconsistent, especially since he wrote that last statement, for he assumed that we were dictators, and he recognized us as dictators. He said, "We demand that the books of I. U.s 120, 310, 440 and 520 be turned over to their respective officials, and when we said we could not do that, he wanted to know why, saying, "You are absolutely dictators, aren't you? You are in charge of headquarters, aren't you?" We had to go away. He said he would get the Board together and call a meeting, and we went away for a couple of hours, and we met Griffith on the street and he signed this notification yesterday, acknowledging receipt of the notice, and when he went up to the office, he was informed by these fellows that he was no longer general organizer, and I asked him if they voted (in the meantime, when they were talking, they kept saying that the Board would meet, and the Board would decide, acknowledging themselves as the Board), that is, I asked him how they voted to remove him. They met and canned him without voting, according to Griffith's statement. When we got that written statemen from Rowan, the signatures were typewritten, and Broman asked that all the signatures of those participating in the session be put on the communication and Rowan went into the other room, and said that typewritten signatures would be enough —that they spoke for the whole Board, and I understand one of them is out of town."

Broman then spoke again: "I will state for your further information, that the only members that participated in this meeting were Rowan, Bowerman, Trotter and Ryan. He came back and said we (himself and Ryan), speak for the entire Board.

Fahey verified the statements of the other two members of the Administration Committee.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Nelson, 310): That report of temporary Administration Committee be accepted.—Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That the Tsar of the Woods, Jas. Rowan, P. D. Ryan, Harry Trotter, Sam Kapon, Fred Bowerman and J. A. Griffith be suspended from membership in the I. W. W. Chair rules motion out of order.

Cole appeals decision of Chair. Chair sustained, 14 to 8.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Walquist, 510): That the temporary Administration Committee take such steps as it thinks necessary to protect the interests of the I. W. W. in court Monday, on the injunction case.

Amend. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That a committee of five be elected from this delegated body to represent the I. W. W. in courtroom, and the rest of the delegates to appear in the courtroom to back them up during the hearing of this injunction, as this is the only place we will come face to face with the injunctioneers.

Amendment lost, 4 to 25. Motion carried, 24 to 1. Cole recorded as voting No.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Schwandt, 330): That this convention goes on record as being opposed to the injunction that was instituted by Jas. Rowan, J. A. Griffith, Fred Bowerman, P. D. Ryan, Harry Trotter and Chas. Anderson.

Motion referred to Monday session because of hour of adjournment.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we postpone reading of minutes until Monday morning. —Carried.

Press Committee read statement for press to convention. Chair rules if no objection, Press Committee report will be accepted. No objection.

MORNING SESSION—SEVENTH DAY OCTOBER 20, 1924

Morning session called to order by P. J. Welinder, Chairman.

Roll called. All delegates present except Cantwell and Johnson of 120, and Gray and Broman, who are excused for committee duty.

Reading of Saturday minutes, by E. Rumbaugh, reading clerk.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Chuba,440): That minutes be accepted subject to final reading. Carried.

Telegram from Spokane read by Chairman, stating that Spokane concurs with the report and the majority of the delegates. (This in response to wire sent by Frank Grad.)

Statement for membership of the I. W. W. read by P. J. Welinder.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

From

SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W.

Due to the controversy existing in our general administration and General Executive Board, and the many complicated and serious problems that have to be solved by the present convention now in session, we deem it advisable to issue this statement to the membership at large in order to get

your unmistakable sentiments and decisions on the status of the convention itself as well as certain questions enumerated below, before the convention can act intelligently in conformity with your desires and dictation.

Upon arrival in Chicago we were confronted with two calls for the present convention. One call was issued by the Fisher-Doyle faction, calling the convention for October 13 at 10 a. m. in the Emmet Memorial Hall; the other was from the Rowan-Griffith faction which invited the convention to meet in a hall at 180 W. Washington St. To still further complicate matters many delegates were instructed to meet in one or the other of these halls. Also we were confronted with different kinds of credentials. Some of them signed by Fisher and Doyle, others by Griffith and Rowan and a third part basing their right to representation upon minutes from either conventions of their respective industrial unions or branch meetings in cases where no convention could be held.

Several delegates decided to request a meeting of all delegates in the city on the evening prior to the convening of the convention. All delegates in the city were notified and twenty-six of them met on the evening of October 12 at 1001 W. Madison St., where, after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to ignore the calls of both factions, rent another hall to convene in, and elect one of the delegates to call the convention to order, thus eliminating all the officials and meeting on neutral ground.

I. U. 120 delegates gave notice that they had already decided to meet in the 180 W. Washington St. hall, and on that account would meet there. They also gave notice that they would do all in their power to bring about a united convention and were willing to consider the proposal of the majority of the delegates. They proved by their subsequent actions that they were sincere in this respect as already on the date of the 13th two of their delegates came over and the following day all of them, with the exception of one delegate, joined with the majority.

In preliminary sessions we went through all credentials and decided the voting power of all delegates present. It was unanimously decided to accept all credentials whether signed by Doyle-Fisher or Rowan-Griffith faction, or whether based upon minutes of conventions or minutes from branches which, due to the confusion, were prevented from participating or electing delegates through conventions. In other words: each and every delegate's eligibility was decided upon its own merits. Two delegates were refused in the convention, both of them on account of having actually participated in the controversy either by partaking in it in person or circulating matters tending to incite to such action. The delegates thus excluded were one from each side of the contesting parties.

In regards to voting power it was likewise decided unanimously that we allow each industrial union the full voting power for the amount of dues collected during the fiscal year October 1, 1923, to October 1, 1924. By this method we have in this convention every member of the I. W. W. who has paid his dues to the organization represented with one vote. The enclosed roll call voting slip will show how the votes are divided.

Due to the fact that the injunction is now pending against certain offices and officials of the General Administration, it proved necessary to take up, as a special order of business, matters dealing with the controversy. The injunction is to come up in court Monday, October 20, and in order to avoid the stigma of having the court settle our affairs, especially when the convention is in session, and also to save the organization a lot of expenditures on legal work and to get the various funds tied up by the injunction released, this move was necessary.

On October 17, in the afternoon session, the following motion was made by Delegate Chas. Gray of 110 and seconded by Delegate Leonard Broman of 120:

Afternoon session called to order by Chairman at 2 p. m. All delegates present.

Floor thrown open on Special Order of Business.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120): That pending investigation and trial, we suspend from office Tom Doyle, General Secretary-Treasurer; James Morris, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Joe Fisher, General Organizer; J. J. McMurphy, Alternate General Secretary-Treasurer; J. A. Griffith, Alternate Organizer, and G. E. B. Members James Rowan, 120; P. D. Ryan, 310; Fred Bowerman, 440; Sam Kapon, 210-220; Harry Trotter, 520; Arthur Linn, 110; and Chas. Gibson, 230. Suspension to take effect Friday at 5:00 p. m. Motion carried 28 to 1 not voting; Johnson not voting.

It should be borne in mind that there are 29 delegates present at the convention so the decision must be considered unanimous.

Another motion made by L. Broman of 120 and seconded by E. Rumbaugh of I. U. 330, reads as follows:

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Rumbaugh, 330): That we nominate and elect a temporary administration of three, to have charge of the General Headquarters and General Administration of the I. W. W., said temporary administration to be under the instructions and jurisdiction of this convention, no suspended members or any one involved in the general headquarters controversy to function on this committee. Carried unanimously.

Please note that this motion carried unanimously with no one recorded either opposed or not voting.

From the enclosed and corrected minutes of that day's sessions you will also find that provision is made to return to I. U.s 310 and 120 their books and other belongings, while the convention maintains that it should keep the books of I. U. 440

and 520, as there are charges pending against the officials of these I. U.'s for misusing funds and the Auditing Committees that have audited the books refuse to accept their accounts as correct. Until we have had time to investigate these charges we maintain that the books should remain in the hands of the convention and that they should not be returned to the very parties against whom charges are preferred.

You will also note from the enclosed minutes of the session referred to that a committee was elected to notify all the officials in question. This committee presented the following notification to the officials in question and requested them to sign their names to it as acknowledgment of notification. The following officials immediately signed the notification and complied with the decision of the conventon and surrendered their offices without protest.

October 17, 1924.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That Fellow Workers Joe Jordan, Frank Grad and Ruth Rumbaugh have been elected off the floor of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the I. W. W. to serve as a notification committee, to notify all concerned of the following action taken by this body:

"M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120): That pending investigation and trial, we suspend from office Tom Doyle, General Secretary-Treasurer; James Morris, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Joe Fisher, General Organizer; J. J. McMurphy, Alternate Secretary-Treasurer; J. A. Griffith, Alternate Organizer, and G. E. B. members James Rowan, I. U. 120; P. D. Ryan, I. U. No. 310; Fred Bowerman, I. U. No. 440; Sam Kapon, I. U.s Nos. 210-220; Arthur Linn, I. U. No. 110, and Chas. Gibson, I. U. No. 230. Suspension to take effect Friday, at 5:00 p. m. Carried unanimously."

P. J. Welinder, Chairman General Conv.
COMMITTEE: Frank Grad, Joe Jordan, Ruth Rumbaugh.

Acknowledgment of notification by: **Joe Fisher, Tom Doyle, James Morris, J. A. Griffith, Chas. Gibson, Arthur Linn.**

J. A. Griffith shortly afterwards addressed the following letter to the convention in which the acknowledges the convention as legal and is willing to abide by its decisions.

Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 18, 1924.

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In regard to turning over the funds and property to your duly elected committee, it is perfectly agreeable to me. The reason I have not appeared before the convention is not because I do not recognize you; I do not care to be accused of lobbying for myself. I am willing to abide by your decision, whatever it may be.

I have wages due me if I am correct, of $61.00. I have no funds on hand of the organization, and very little of my own.

With best wishes I remain,
Yours for the I. W. W.
J. A. Griffith, suspended Chairman of the G. E. B.

P. S.—I was informed I was no longer a Board member after I informed the Board. I signed suspension notice. This statement was drawn up two hours before I was informed I was no longer a board member. We want no one to think I wish any consideration on this.—**J. A. Griffith.**

In a statement signed by Trotter of 520 and Ryan of 310, we were informed as follows:
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Official Statesment By The General Executive Bd.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18, 1924.

Fellow Workers:

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2—The removal or recall of any industrial union secretary or any members of the G. O. C. shall be legal ONLY if carried into effect by the membership or convention of the industrial union. G. O. C. chairmen and secretaries shall be subject to removal ONLY as called for in the industrial union by-laws.

3—The G. O. C. of each industrial union shall appoint at once one member of the G. O. C., or of the industrial unions of Industrial Unions Nos. 110, 120, 210-220, 230, 310, 330, 440, 510 and 520 to immediately audit the books and accounts of the General Office, General Defense, Educational Bureau, Equity Print Shop and Small Industrial Unions. **This committee shall act as a General Administration Committee and shall have full charge of the above mentioned offices in No. 3 until the next general election. Doyle, Fisher and Morris shall turn over all affairs of the above mentioned offices in No. 3 to them and shall vacate headquarters AT ONCE.**

4—All employes in the General Office, General Defense, Solidarity, Equity Print Shop, Educational Bureau and the Small Industrial Unions office shall be discharged.

5—No General Convention will be recognized by the G. E. B., which has as delegates, committees, or officials, ANY who have participated physically in the present controversy, helped, aided or abetted in ejecting the G. E. B. or any industrial union officials from headquarters, or members who have been expelled, or members who have been on the pay of the organization ninety days previous to the convention, and will recognize only such delegates as have credentials from the G. E. B., from their industrial union conventions, or from branches which elected them to act as delegates.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD of the I. W. W.
(SEAL)

P. D. Ryan, Presiding Chairman.
Harry Trotter, Recording Sec'y.

As will be seen from the statement issued by Trotter and Ryan, they refuse to recognize the present convention as being a bona fide representation of the membership of the I.W.W. Whether it is or not we want you, fellow workers in the field, to determine. When you look over the list of delegates present in this convention, please note carefully whether we are elected to represent you or whether we are not. Also note carefully whether our action in the controversy is in conformity with the instruction given to your delegates, or, in cases where the delegates are not instructed, whether it meets with your approval or not.

It should be borne in mind that Griffith and Rowan, similarly to Doyle and Fisher, and, as far as we can ascertain, unanimous demands from all parties, called for a General Constitutional Convention to be held October 13 in Chicago, Ill., and that the constitution be held in abeyance as to the legislative power of this convention and also as to date for its opening.

To all appearances Rowan and his followers refuse to stand an investigation by the present convention or to have their books audited or their actions judged by us. Evidently they demand that they be given the right to pick their own investigators and choose their own auditing committees. It certainly will be an insult to the intelligence of our membership to presume that you will consent to such a procedure. Investigations under such conditions can hardly be considered worthy even the title of a "whitewash."

Until we get the injunction lifted and the various offices in good working order, we cannot make much progress. Each and all of us abhor to appear in the masters' court with our grievances. We consider the membership in the field as our only supreme court and the only ones who have power to enjoin any of our members or officials from functioning or continuing their membership in our organization. Furthermore, we cannot under any consideration allow any official, no matter in what office, to decide whether a certain elected delegate shall be allowed to function in our conventions or conferences, or by whom, when, where, and how a certain official shall be investigated. We are determined that each and all shall be given a fair and open trial in this convention, and unless our mandates are repudiated by the membership in the field, we intend to carry out this program. We have also decided that the controversy shall not be dealt with in any committee room but direcly on he floor of the convention and each party involved in the controversy be called before the convention. We consider this the only fair method to all concerned. Any official who refuses to have his actions thus aired in the open has, in our opinion, condemned himself.

We request each and every branch of every industrial union throughout the whole I. W. W., immediately upon receipt of this statement, to arrange for a special meeting and decide upon the following questions:

1—Do you consider this convention a bona fide convention of the I. W. W., and the delegates to this convention empowered to deal with any and all questions that may come before this convention?

2—Do you approve of the action taken in regards to the controversy and accept the convention as the administrator of our organization affairs through the temporary administration elected for this purpose and working under the jurisdiction of this convention?

3—Is this convention empowered to suspend temporarily officials from their offices and investigate such officials, place them on trial and render a verdict in their case?

Immediately upon adjournment of your meeting we request you to wire your decision and wishes by night letter prepaid, addressed to "Chairman of General Convention, 1001 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Ill."

It is imperative that you act without delay. We hope to have a reply from every branch within the next ten days at least, possibly earlier. Meanwhile we will proceed with our work in regard to resolutions and other matters pending action of the convention.

It should be borne in mind also that if we are forced to settle the injunction in court thousands of dollars will be spent for legal service. This we feel is entirely unjustifiable especially in the light of the fact that California is asking for money for relief of our class-war victims retained in San Quentin and Folsom prisons, and we have no funds on hand. It depends upon your action now whether our dollars and cents are going to be spent on lawyers and courts to settle our internal quarrels, or whether they shall be used for relief of our fellow workers in prison and to further our organization work in the field. If you bear this in mind we feel

certain that you will act without delay.

P. J. **Welinder**, Chairman. **L. McCarthy**, Rec. Sec'y.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That the convention adopt this statement and despatch it to the branches immediately.

Jordan calls question. Three speakers. House supports call. Record vote called by Mann. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Jordan carried over from Saturday session comes up.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Swanson, 310): That motion be tabled until report of convention as a whole has dealt with the matter. Record vote called for by Jordan. Vote follows: (110) Mann, no; Fisher, yes; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; (120) Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; Cantwell, absent; Johnson, absent; (210-220) Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; (230) Erwin, yes; (310) Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; (330) Henrikson, no; Rumbaugh, no; Sanjour, L. A. Br., yes; (440) Thompson, no; Chuba, no; (510) Speed, yes; Walquist, not voting; Rumbaugh, S. I. U., no. Carried 13 to 11.

Fred Mann, Chairman of Grievance Committee, reports here, asking delegates for instructions from the General Convention pertaining to setting aside clauses in the constitution which concern charges against officials.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Erwin, 230): That Grievance Committee read all charges in their hands before taking action on them.

Question called by Speed. 7 speakers. House supports call.

Amend. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110): That we instruct Grievance Committee to take action on all grievances filed with them, before bringing them before this body. Carried 18 to 4.

Rumbaugh, 330, Anderson, Swanson, and Rumbaugh, S. I. U., voting no.

Question called for by Speed. 6 speakers. House supports call.

Rumbaugh requests floor; chair refuses, stating he has already had floor. Rumbaugh stated that the amendment was another subject. Chair ruled not. Rumbaugh takes appeal. Chair sustained, 17 to 1.

Question again called by Speed. 3 speakers. House supports call. Amend. carried, 18 to 4.

Rumbaugh recorded as voting no, also Anderson, Swanson and Rumbaugh of the S. I. U.s.

Grievance Committee in completing report, states there is nothing specific to report as yet.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Nelson, 310): That report of Grievance Committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

Constitution and By-laws Committee reports. Walquist on the floor: "We have only acted on two resolutions, so far, and our reason for only taking action on two of them is that we want the ruling of the convention as to how to proceed."

Res. No. 74, from L. W. I. U. 120 Convention in Spokane, Wash., read: "**Whereas**, There are certain paragraphs and clauses contained in the General Constitution which are in violation of and in conflict with the principles and preamble of the I. W. W., therefore, be it **Resolved**, That the General Constitution be rewritten to conform with the preamble of the I. W. W."

No. 17, Southwest District, I. U. 310:

That the next G. C. W. I. U. No. 310 Convention go on record to have the general constitution and by-laws of the I. W. W. re-drafted to be able to avoid all technical loop holes which the present one contains. This resolution to be taken before the next General Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W. for immediate action.

Constitution Committee states as follows:

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Nelson, 310): That we accept the Preamble of the Industrial Workers of the World as read. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mattson, 210-220): That the present constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World be laid on table and a new constitution be drafted. Carried unanimously.

The above is the recommendation of the By-laws and Constitution Committee, signed by **Albert Nelson, Joe Jordan, Felix Mattson, Leonard Broman** and **August Walquist, Chairman.**

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Grad, 120): That we concur with Constitution and By-laws Committee report.

Chairman interpreted motion to mean to lay constitution on the table only to expedite the re-writing of the constitution as a whole, and not to put the constitution aside as the governing instrument for this convention. For he held that a constitution cannot be thrown out of operation, except by a referendum vote of the membership, as a whole. Unless this point is understood, he would be forced to rule the motion out of order. To table it would only mean to tear right into it and draw up a plan for a consistent constitution. Motion carried.

Chair accepts report of Constitution and By-laws Committee as progress, no objections.

Auditing Committee report read by Rumbaugh.

M. & S. (Sanjour, 330 L. A. Br.-Nelson, 310): That Auditing Committee report be tabled.

Fisher objecting to tabling, stating that not having heard any discussion, he is unable to vote intelligently on this question, and cannot see why the report should be tabled. Takes appeal from chair. Chair states that motion to table is always in order. Chair is not sustained, 9 to 12. Chair resigns.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Rumbaugh, 330): That resignation be not accepted. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Henrikson, 330): That Auditing Committee report be held in abeyance until we receive the report of the Auditing Committee who will audit the books at 186 N. La Salle street. 12 for 10 against. Record vote called for by Jordan.

Roll Call And Represent. List of Seated Delegates on Tabling of Aud. Comm. Report

I. U. No. 110: Fred Mann, yes; Fred Fisher, not

voting; Sam Obermann, yes; Joe Jordan, yes; Albert Hanson, yes; Chas. Gray, not present; S. J. Cole, yes. I. U. 120: P. J. Welinder, no; Leonard Broman, not present; Frank Grad, no; Dan Murray, no; Pat Cantwell, not present; Matt Johnson, not present. I. U. 210-220: Felix Mattson, yes; Joe Oates no. I. U. 230: Claude Erwin, no. I. U. 310: Roy Leonard, no; Albert Nelson, no; Elmer Swanson, no; Chas. Anderson, no. I. U. 330: S. Henrikson, yes; E. Rumbaugh, not voting; E. Schwandt, yes. L. A. Br. 330: J. Sanjour, no. I. U. 440: W. H. Thompson, yes; Louis Chuba, yes. I. U. 510: Geo. Speed, not voting; August Walquist, yes.

Communication from Caesar Tabiib received by Chair. Chair rules that contest cannot be made except by delegates on the floor. No objection to ruling.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Chuba, 440): That we hear report of temporarily suspended officers.

Amend. (Oates, 210-220-Mann, 110): Motion be amended to read 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, so that Rowan, Griffith and all can be notified that they are called before this convention.

Question called by Mann.

Broman arrived at 12:14.

Amendment carried, 22 for.

Broman reports, as follows:

"This morning F. W. F. J. Gallagher turned in his resignation as business manager of the Pioneer, Industrial Solidarity and Equity Printing Co. We have placed George Williams in his place."

"At 10:00 o'clock we went to the lawyer's office in regards to injunction coming up for hearing this morning, and we all went down to the office of the Master in Chancery, and James Rowan and P. D. Ryan with their attorney were present, also J. A. Griffith. Rowan et al. asked for a postponement of the case, and in the meantime, while the discussion was going on in regard to the postponement, Griffith got up and reiterated the stand he has taken in regard to recognizing this convention, and he withdrew his name from the application for injunction. We were intending to go through with it, but seeing that the complainants' lawyers could not take up the case until next Friday, the Master in Chancery wanted to postpone it until Friday at 10:00 a. m. So Friday at 10:00 a. m. we go to bat unless they decide to withdraw it. In the meantime, before deciding this, Gray asked Rowan, in my presence, if they would be willing to withdraw the application for injunction for the welfare of the organization, and he said, no; that they would go through with it. So there is nothing to do but go through with it."

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That the report of the Temporary Administration Committee be accepted as progress. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Erwin, 230): That we elect a committee of two at once to notify the suspended officials to be here and report tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock. Carried.

Nominations opened. Grad, accept; Anderson, accepts; Jordan, declines; Cole, accepts; Oberman, declines.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Swanson, 310): That nominations be closed. Carried. Cole elected, 15 votes. Grad elected 15 votes.

Morning session adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SEVENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. All delegates present except Matt Johnson, 120, Pat Cantwell, 120, and Grad and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Communication read by reading clerk. First, a letter from San Quentin.

Oct. 3, 1924.

To the Special Convention.

Fellow Workers:

Up to the present time I have refrained from expressing my opinion or making any suggestions to those on the outside. But under the present circumstances, I don't think it amiss to do so.

I believe that the convention should be informed as to the real attitude of those that are in prison. As I am quite well informed by first-hand experience of the disruptive tactics used by one Blossom, I fully concur with the action taken by Fisher and Doyle in regards to Blossom et al. Further, I believe they should be expelled for all time.

I also wish to say that I expect the convention to repudiate the injunction and deal with those responsible in such a manner that it will serve as a warning in the future.

The matter of prison controversies should be dealt with in such a way that it will be impossible for designing or ignorant individuals to involve the organization in personal squabbles and petty grievances as has been the case in the past. It should be realized that the labor movement will go on whether those of us in the various prisons ever get out or not. So, put your energy into organization efforts and not so much into a collection agency for the relief of darned belly-aching sob sisters.

Also, I think it would be a very good policy to have all class-war prisoners go and stay at least one year at the point of production after release, before being allowed to hold any responsible office, elective or appointive, as it is sure to take at least that long to get over the prison grouch and adjust one's self to prevailing conditions. This is the opinion of a good many here, and is considered very important in order to avoid the childish controversies we have had in the past. A prison record does not give any fanatical individuals the privilege of disrupting the whole organization.

In conclusion I wish to say, let it be understood that I WILL NOT accept any dictation from outside these walls, and intend to use my own discretion in all matters pertaining to my imprisonment.

Yours for the I. W. W.

Fred Bammon, San Quentin, Calif.

Moved by Mann, 110, seconded by Oates, 210-220: That communication be filed. Carried.

Two telegrams, one from Wilkes Barre, Pa., and one from Duluth, read. Also one addressed to Jas. Rowan, from Duluth. Wires follow:

Wilkesbarre, Penn., Oct. 13, 1924.

Greetings to all delegates of the General Convention. Fellow Workers, much and great work ahead of you at this time. Hoping the convention will be constructive with old-time spirit. Remember that the East needs much attention and a clean house. Yours for action. John Di Vincenzo.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 13, 1924.

Jas. Rowan, P. O. Box 1125, Chicago, Ill.

Get together one convention. That's final. Ed Carlston.

Two telegrams from San Pedro, stating urgent need for funds, read.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Anderson, 310): That telegram from San Pedro be laid over to New Business.

Amended by Hanson, 110-Henrikson, 330: That telegrams from San Pedro be referred to temporary Administration Committee for action, and they report to us their action on same. Carried, 17 votes.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Schwandt, 330): That the minutes of the Hibbing branch of I. U.s Nos. 210-220 be turned over to Resolutions Committee. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That the resolution from Crosby, Minn., branch be referred to Resolutions Committee. Carried.

Instructions to 210-220 delegates, described by F. W. Oates as not being just instructions, but suggestions, was turned over to the Resolutions Committee by Chair, with no objection.

Finnish communication translated by F. W. Henrikson, filed for future reference.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Walquist, 510): That Industrialisti be requested to print immediately the document presented here by F. W.s Welinder and Speed and approved by this body. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Nelson, 310): That the official statement adopted here this morning be sent to all I. W. W. publications and ordered published. Carried.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Leonard, 310): That Solidarity be ordered held until we get this statement into this issue. Carried.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That minutes of two caucus meetings held immediately prior to convention by delegates, be sent out with the rest of the minutes. Carried.

New Business

Report of Il Proletario brought up.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Oberman, 110): That floor be thrown open for discussion on report of Il Proletario. Carried.

Gray arrived at 2:44.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Leonard, 310): That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Murray, 120): That Il Proletario report be turned over to Grievance Committee. Carried.

Telegram from Seattle, from Mortimer Downing, read. This telegram requests reports of news of the convention. Chair turned it over to Press Committee, with no objection.

Administration Committee reported, Gray on floor.

"I asked Rowan's lawyer to call him out of the room so that I could speak with him. I told him this was the last minute appeal I am making to him for the good and welfare of the organization. I said, 'Will you withdraw this injunction, and save the organization between five and ten thousand dollars?' and he replied, 'No; you have shown me no reason why I should.' So I said, 'All right, we'll go to bat.' We went in, and they had an informal talk, nothing went down on the records, and did not formally open the proceedings, but it cost us $100 just by appearing there."

Gray continues: "The Master in Chancery stated that it will take about 10 days to hear the case. Our lawyer got up and objected, stating that he was told by the other side that they could present their side in one day, and Cunnea stated that he could knock any argument of theirs in less than one day. After the Master in Chancery finishes, it goes to Judge Sullivan's Court, where it comes up all over again. Coming back from the Master in Chancery F. W. Fahey and I went with F. W. Tom Doyle and transferred the funds that were in his name and money over to ourselves, as trustees. This was a matter of some $2,897.00, cash not attached by the injunction." Report accepted as progress by chair, no objections.

Credentials Committee report about I. U. 460 received. This consisted of an appeal from the Chicago Br. 460 to give the S. I. U. Delegate their votes, as for financial reasons they were unable to hold a convention, but wish representation. Committe does not concur with request of 460 Branch.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with report of Credentials Committee. Carried, 17 to 1.

Cole and Grad, Notification Committee, appeared at 3:00 p. m.

Cole reports: "The letter was presented to all of the suspended officials we could find. P. D. Ryan informed us that he could not recognize us as a legal convention of the I. W. W., as the six 110 delegates should have all been contested. Joe Jordan, for distributing leaflets; Fred Fisher and Chas. Gray because they have not been off the payroll for 90 days; Fred Mann for signing article in General Office Bulletin, and Albert Hanson on the same grounds. Sam Oberman he stated was a tool of Doyle and Fisher. Also Chuba and Thompson of 440; Chuba because he had not been 3 years in the I. W. W., and Thompson because he is expelled by the Chicago branch of I. U. 440. All in all, Ryan stated there were 13 delegates on this floor that should be contested."

Grad then spoke, saying in part: "I was talking to Mauriee Daly, and he told me he went to Headquarters to get supplies, and was refused. He says that Tom Doyle is still signing checks, on Saturday last."

Communication from Matt Johnson and Pat Cantwell read as follows:

Chieago, Ill., October 20, 1924.

To the Membership of Lumber Workers' Industrial Union No. 120, of the I. W. W., and to the Membership of the I. W. W. as a Whole:

Fellow Workers:

We, as duly eleeted delegates, elected at the annual convention of Lumber Workers' Industrial Union 120, held in Spokane, Wash., on September 20 to October 3 inelusive, to represent the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union at the General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World whieh convened in Chieago, Ill., October 13. After sitting in said meeting up till 5:30 p. m. Saturday, October 18, we wish to make the following statement:—We came here for the purpose of settling the present eontroversy within the organization. After sitting in the so-ealled convention up till the above-mentioned time, we find that over one-third of the delegates present have taken a direct part on the side of Doyle and Fisher, in the present eontroversy. The stenographer that was working for Doyle and Fisher while they were in office is alse the official recording sec'y. We have also seen Tom Doyle pass notes to the delegates while in session. Under these eircumstances we do not feel justified in further participating in the above-mentioned so-ealled convention.

We hereby notify the membership that we have withdrawn.—**Matt Johnson**, 319929; **Pat Cantwell**, 365021.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Henrikson, 330): That the eommunication be filed. Carried.

Chair states that it is understood that the votes of these two absent delegates will be divided up equally between the remaining delegates of their industrial union.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Rumbaugh, 330): That we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 and all eommittees go to work. Carried.

Adjourned at 3:45 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—EIGHTH DAY
October 21, 1924.

Morning session called to order at 9 a. m. by P. J. Welinder, chairman. All delegates present exeept Gray (on committee duty) and Mann of 110.

Minutes of yesterday's session read. Mann arrived at 9:25 a. m.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Nelson, 310): That minutes be aecepted as eorreeted, subject to final reading. Carried.

Report of press eommittee read by Ed Delaney.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Thompson, 440): That report of press committee be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oates, 210-220): That secretary of 120, Maurice Daly, be given the floor under speeial privilege. Carried.

Daly: "There was a motion passed on this floor to turn the property of 120 and 310 over to us, but I have been unable to get it. I desire an order from this eonvention permitting me to remove my property."

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That order be given to the secretary-treasurer of I. U. No. 120 for the records and property of 120 in Headquarters.

Chair rules motion out of order, maintaining that we eannot give away what we are not holding. That it is the injunction which prevents the removal of this property and not the eonvention.

Murray appeals ruling of ehair, maintaining that we are the governing body and have the power to return the property of I. U. No. 120. Chair sustained, 20 to 2.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-20-Swanson, 310): That motion referred to by Fellow Worker Murray, passed previously on this floor, be read. Carried. Motion and amendments read by ehairman.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-20-Nelson, 310): That this body go on record to return the property of 120 and 310, at 1001 W. Madison St., to them as soon as the G. E. B. members of those industrial unions lift the injunction that is on the funds and the building at 1001 W. Madison St. Chair rules this motion out of order, on same grounds.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Broman, 120): That this body go on record that the restraining order on Headquarters be lifted, so that I. U.s 120 and 310 can get their property. Chair rules that if we go on record as motion states, it will be up to the parties who have seeured this restraining order to get it lifted. Record vote ealled for. Carried unanimously. 26 delegates present.

Communication from Tom Doyle, Chas. Gibson and Fisher read as follows:

To the 16th General Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Workers, Greetings:

We, the undersigned offieials who have been suspended by your body on Oetober 17th, 1924, wish to state that in every way we reeognize you as the legal and offieial convention of the I. W. W. as per the eonstitution of our organization.

We are willing to abide by all your deeisions in regard to organization affairs and ourselves, and to appear before you or any of your committees at any time, either to answer questions, make our reports or to give any information you may wish. We are also willing to have our aecounts examined by any of your committees.

Wishing the eonvention sueeess in its efforts in behalf of the good and welfare of the organization, we remain as ever,

Yours for an Uneonquerable I. W. W.

(Signed)

Tom Doyle, Suspended Sec'y-Treas.
Joe Fisher, Suspended Gen. Organizer.
Chas. Gibson, Suspended G.E.B. Member.

Communication filed, with no objection.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Leonard, 310): That we hear report of Fellow Worker Chas. Gibson. Carried. Felix Mattson stated here that he wished to be recorded as vigorously protesting against all verbal reports.

Gibson made a rather brief report, stating how many calls he had received to meet with the board, and from whom they were received. Gave a brief history of the board meetings he participated in, and the actions taken at said meetings. Also interpreted various clauses and articles in the constitution according to his own beliefs. Replied to many questions. Verbatim report will give Fellow Worker Gibson's report in full.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That Fellow Worker Gibson's report be tabled until further investigation. Carried.

Telegram from Vancouver branch I. U. 120 read by chair, as follows:

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 21, 1924.

"Convention:

"Your action in refusing to recognize either faction concurred in by this branch.—(Signed) G. Tveit."

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Broman, 120): That Fellow Worker J. A. Griffith be requested to report next. Carried.

Chair rules that all delegates be allowed to question suspended officials making their report but once. No objection.

Griffith read report, which follows:

To The Delegates of the 16th Annual Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Workers:

I was called into Headquarters by telegram dated July 21st, signed by five board members, viz: James Rowan, Chas. Anderson, P. D. Ryan, Fred W. Bowerman and H. E. Trotter.

Upon arriving here I did not assume office until the G. E. B. was forced out of Headquarters. I decided that the G. E. B. was right and since that time I have performed the duties which I was called in for, viz: General Organizer of the I. W. W., to the best of my ability under the circumstances. It is not my intention to dwell on internal troubles in this report, but I wish to bring the following suggestions to the attention of the delegates to the convention.

During the war we became a highly centralized organization, but the war is over. In my opinion we should develop the organization on the job. We should put all our energy toward building up our organization on strictly Industrial Union lines. Some may say that we are becoming less revolutionary—far from it. When we are organizing on the line of Industrial Unionism, having for our sole object and aim the abolition of the wage system and when we accomplish that and labor gets what it produces, we have then accomplished everything we started out for. Have we done this? Have we not been diverted from our aims to a great extent by having injected into the organization from time to time "affiliations and liquidations" or some other theories? The membership of the I. W. W. is just as strong and virile as it ever was but the membership has been baited with half-baked theories, also affiliations and liquidations, until they do not know where they stand. Has a policy been laid down and accepted by the membership and followed out until it is accomplished?

I would suggest that we lay down a policy and follow it out. I would also suggest that our internal troubles be settled once and for all so as to have no repetition of the same thing at some future date. We will have to give the I. U.s, and the I. U.s must give their branches, more local autonomy. In other words we must let the rank and file rule and guide the affairs of the organization.

Another point which I did not take up, as I realize that we have trouble enough, is whether an I. U. has the right to raise its dues contrary to the general constitution, and still belong to the I. W. W. I did not care to bring this up to the membership before for the reason I have already stated.

I will suggest that you make headquarters only a supply station. Also, remove headquarters out of the building that they have been in if you do not move it entirely. The previous convention has ruled on this. Why not enforce it?

There are two ideas in the organization at the present time. One that believes in organization on the job and in some respects, I might state, looking for job control. The other deals with revolutionary theories. Which do you want—theories or something that is practical? I for one favor something that is practical.

Some way must be devised to make our credentials and supplies universal. A clearing house is a logical solution but whether it is the best thing to do or not is a moot question. Because a clearing house is absolutely a highly centralized power where your funds are absolutely under the control of a small group.

Also, investigate articles in the Pioneer of Sept. and Oct.; The Defense Office; New York Defense Office; The Printing Plant; in fact, thoroughly investigate the whole General Headquarters. My suggestion is clean Headquarters from top to bottom. In closing I will state that in my opinion we should follow strictly on the lines of Industrial Unionism.

Yours for the I. W. W.,

J. A. Griffith,

General Organizer of the I. W. W.

He then went on to enlarge on report and make suggestions.

Adjourned 12:30 p. m. for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—EIGHTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates except Chas. Gray and Leonard Broman, excused for committee work, present.

Questioning of Fellow Worker J. A. Griffith continued.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That Fellow Worker Griffith's report take the same course as that of Fellow Worker Gibson, and recommendations be turned over to the resolutions committee. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Jordan, 110): That we hear the report of Joe Fisher, suspended general organizer. Carried.

Leonard Broman arrived at 2:22. Fisher read the following report:

Report of General Organizer Joe Fisher

Chicago, Ill., October 13, 1924.

To the Delegates of the 16th Annual Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Worker Chairman and Fellow Workers:

This conventon, specially called to meet the gravest emergency with which the I.W.W. has ever been confronted, has before it a task of such huge proportions as demands sound, unprejudiced judgment to straighten out the organizations affairs. Labor waits upon the decisions made by the Convention; waits with eagerness and expectancy, because the immediate future of the organization will be determined largely as this body of representative delegates gives evidence of its capacity to understand the problems of labor, and arranges to deal successfully with them.

I am conscious of a weighty responsibility in submitting to the delegates a report as General Organizer and Official Chairman of the G. E. B. since March 1st, of this year. In so far as it lies with me I will acquaint the delegates with conditions as I found them.

Upon being installed as General Organizer, I immediately called the General Executive Board together. As the delegates are aware, under the plan adopted by last referendum, the G. E. B. is composed of the Chairmen of the General Organization Committee of the Industrial Unions. Let me here and now direct the attention of the delegates to something in the present makeup of the G. E. B. that tends toward far reaching, dangerous effects upon the General Organization of the I. W. W. It is that the G. E. B. members have a two-fold character, being chairmen of their Industrial Unions and G. E. B. members at one and the same time. The practical working out of this arrangement leads to petty politics in a contest for advantage as shown by the minutes of the G. E. B. meetings in the March Bulletin.

That the federation, rather than the class union idea, was held is made strikingly evident by part of the G. E. B. members in the meeting of March 24th, who objected "to any union having two votes in the General Executive Board". Their objection was based on this: That Linn and Fisher represent A. W. I. U. No. 110, while I represented the General Organization and was only the representative on the G. E. B. elected by referendum of the entire membership of the I. W. W.

Permit me, in view of what has since transpired, to direct the attention of the delegates to Bowerman's actions all through the March meetings of the G. E. B. Note carefully Bowerman's connection with:

1. The attempts to put the G. O. C. Chairmen as G. E. B. members upon the General Organization payroll.

2. The attempts made to put the General Organization to the expense of providing literature for the steel industry; although 440 was swamped with debt to the General Organization at that time he and Raddock went outside the organization to print the I. U. 440 bulletin.

3. The attempt to reserve selection of speakers and organizers to the Chairman or Secretary of an Industrial Union.

4. The defeat by Bowerman, Trotter and Vangsness of a motion to continue the exposure of the Burn's Detective Agency in Solidarity.

5. The motion introduced by Bowerman and Trotter to rescind action previously taken by the G. E. B. in expelling Burn's Agents Spear and Haines, alias Harris.

6. The action of part of the G. E. B. in opposing the motion that a monthly liabilities statement be published by subordinate units of the I. W. W.

Let no delegate believe that my selection of Bowerman has other than an organization motive. Organization figures have organization significance and wield influence that aids or injures a union. I am citing these cases here as the General Organizer of the I. W. W. and, I am only doing my duty as a General Organizer of the I. W. W. as I see it.

From the day the General Administration of which I have been part, assumed direction of general organization affairs we experienced a sense of hostile opposition working to render our efforts futile. We took hold of our duties when the general organization was crippled financially; and instead of the support and assistance that should have been forthcoming, and which we expected, we found things generally the reverse.

If I felt there was anything to be gained by it, I would soften the reality of my experiences as General Organizer, in the interest of harmony, but under the circumstances, to do so would be to mislead the membership and fall short in my duty to them.

The General Organization faced its responsibility since March under the handicap of a financial shortage so great, that only one Industrial Union remained in good standing financially. Why this was so, and remained so, it is up to the delegates in this convention of the various Industrial Unions to investigate. Without close and enthusiastic co-operation and support, no general administration can go forward, building up a powerful organization.

When the referendum ballot decided upon by the G. E. B., March 22nd, wes being counted by the Ballot Committee, there was apparently an attempt at fraud in many votes submitted by the M. T. W. I. U. 510 branches in Atlantic ports. When notified of this, and be it understood, at the request of the ballot committee, I proceeded East to investigate what was at least suspicious. My report was published by the General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W. in the General Office Bulletin.

As I was not thoroughly satisfied myself with the explanation received I requested Fellow Worker Phillip Taft to investigate further, as his chance of discovering what I could not discover in a hurried visit, was better than that of any stranger.

The General Organization employed three organizers in the textile industry, and better results would have been obtained if the industrial depression in Lowell, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Dover and Paterson had not prevailed. I have made investigation of these conditions in the above towns, and I am fully convinced that the organization made as much progress there as was possible under the circumstances.

An organization has a continuous existence, and no administration can escape the consequences of preceding ones. The mistakes previously made affect it naturally and inevitably. I do not believe it to be out of place or in bad taste for me to remind the delegates in this convention, that the administrations for many years past have been remarkable for their hopeless inefficiency and I am not attempting to excuse this present administration or claim flawlessness for it. Nevertheless, there are mitigating circumstances, so far as we are personally concerned, which constitute such organization defects that the delegates will have fallen short of their responsibility if nothing is done toward remedying them, or rather, indeed, if much is not done in that direction.

When we assumed our offices, we found that industrial unions properly defunct, were actually controlling the General Organization. Complaints were made by competent and unprejudiced members about 440 and 520 being permitted to continue as autonomously functioning units, and we were advised to "put them in the Department of Small Industrial Unions," or the organization would regret it. We did not choose, unfortunately, to do what other administrations had failed to do, and like the others, "we let things go as they were". This was our mistake, and it was an error on the side of leniency, not at all the action of a dictator.

When the G. E. B. was called into session by the General Organizer to consider the charges of disruption which had been preferred against some of the G. E. B. members by Wm. Hanley and John M. Reilly, they ignored the meeting entirely, and went on with their rump session. It was necessary to avoid any further disruptions in the ranks of the membership and to protect the welfare of the organization, and carry on the work of organizing without interference from the rump G. E. B. to stop it, so the General Organizer with the G. E. B. members were forced to enforce the last general convention ruling on matters of a controversial nature, and Rowan, Ryan, Trotter, Anderson and Bowerman stand suspended members of the I. W. W. until this General Convention.

The contest between the general officers and the faction led by Bowerman and inspired by Grady and others, evolved to greater and greater proportions, until they eventually appealed to the capitalist courts, where they applied for the injunction which has done much to bring the I. W. W. into disrepute and has effectively paralyzed its functioning as a labor organization. I presume that the delegates in this convention will appoint a committee especially instructed to inquire into this controversy, and ways and means must be devised to prevent in the future such an occurrence.

In the matter of the Educational Bureau, I confess to woeful and regrettable failure in accomplishing very little. But, let me say in connection with this and in extenuation of the small accomplishment along educational lines, that we were chronically up against a financial shortage. Had there been money available, I proposed to have written and published three pamphlets, without which the I. W. W. will not only never be understood by the workers at large, but will never be understood by its own membership. And when the membership of an organization does not understand the "why" of it (the principles upon which it is founded) or the "body" of it (its structure and arrangement), or the "how" of it (its tactics and policies)—that organization cannot fulfill its mission. The more general such an understanding is, the safer an organization it will be.

Therefore, I proposed the publication of three pamphlets:

1. Dealing with the Economic and Social principles of the I. W. W.

2. The structure of the I. W. W., showing the co-ordination of its subordinate parts with it, and with one another.

3. Dealing with and drawing conclusions from all the past experiences in our strikes and other organized labor strikes in the past.

I further recommend for the Convention to consider this following program:

1. That the Constitution be made adaptable to meet the existing conditions from time to time.

2. That the one year clause be stricken out from the constitution.

3. That the G. E. B. as at present constituted be abolished, and the G. E. B. be elected by and from the general membership.

4. That a clearing house system be established in the I. W. W.

5. That all credentials and supplies for the delegates of all I. U.s, be issued from the General Headquarters, and delegates must remit all finances to General Secretary-Treasurer.

I further recommend to the delegates on the present controversy:

That after thorough investigation is made by you delegates in this present controversy, all those guilty officials and members who support those who violated the principle and carry on the dissension in the I. W. W. must be expelled through the referendum vote of the entire organization.

Trusting this convention will make it possible to become a practical organization, and organize an invincible force against capitalism, to do away with exploitation, and take over the means of production and distribution, for the benefit of the working class.

Thanking you for your attention I am,

Yours for the I. W. W.,

Joe Fisher,

Gen. Org. and Official Chairman of the G. E. B.

Fisher then enlarged upon his report, before being questioned. Chas. Gray arrived at 3:27.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That Fisher's report take the same course as Gibson's and Griffith's. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That Fellow Worker Tom Doyle be called for his report next. Carried.

Tom Doyle reported as follows:

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER TO THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Fellow Workers:

Greetings!

A Struggle For Structure

Since the war period, there has been a continual struggle in the I. W. W. for a structure that would be applicable to all the industrial unions. Unless the structure of our organization keeps apace with developments of modern industry, it is impossible to secure industrial solidarity, so indispensable to successfully carry on the every day struggles with the employing class, and emancipation finally.

Regardless of the courage and sacrificing spirit of the workers, if their organization's structure is out of date, when arrayed against the capitalist class organizations, there can be but one result to any struggle waged under these conditions, and that is defeat.

Preparation is the price of victory, so let us prepare, as the best organized always wins, in the class struggle or any other struggle.

Our Preamble calls for the spirit of revolt and resistance that is indispensable as a part of a revolutionary organization of the proletariat. It commits the industrial unions to an unceasing struggle against the employing class. We should never lose sight of this fact.

Let the workers in each industrial union, with the help of the G. E. B., develop a form of organization and a class-consciousness that will make them invincible in their struggles with the capitalist class.

Can the same form of one industrial union fit all industrial unions? Absolutely not. As one suit of clothes will not fit everybody, so the form of I. U. No. 110 cannot fit I. U. No. 510 or 520, 330 or 440.

"Universalism," as it is called, has not been successful, but has proven itself a failure. While it served to hold the organization together during the war period, 1918-19, it has failed in holding us together since the war. It has been the cause of more than one controversy since its adoption.

I believe the following, Article 1, Section 4, **of our constitution, contains the right principle of organization: "Industrial unions shall be composed of actual wage workers in a given industry welded together as the particular requirements of said industry may render necessary."**

The industrial union should parallel the economic structure of the industry it has jurisdiction over; it should compare organ for organ, fiber for fiber to the capitalist machinery of production in order to be an economic industrial union. It should never lose sight of its revolutionary goal, i. e., "Take possession of the earth and the machinery of production and abolish the wage system."

Industrial Unionism Vs. One Big Unionism

In the controversy that has just shaken the organization to its very foundation, we find that industrial union patriotism was to an alarming degree prevalent in many of the industrial unions. Industrial union patriotism must be destroyed root and branch, by a campaign of education which will replace it with revolutionary consciousness. When we joined this organization we all signed an application for membership and answered "Yes" to the following two questions: (1)—Do you agree to abide by the constitution and regulations of the I. W. W.? (2)—Will you study its principles and make yourself acquainted with its purposes?

If we, the members, would live up to our pledge, there would be no industrial union patriotism in the I. W. W. The patriotism of the I. W. W. is to the working class, not to a small section of it. When a wage worker joins our ranks he does not and cannot join any industrial union as such, he must first join the I. W. W., and only after he has signed "Yes" to the above questions on the application blank. Now how does it come that we have industrial union patriotism in the industrial unions? It is because the membership has not lived up to the obligation expressed in question No. 2, as stated above, and because many industrial union officials have in the past carried on propaganda along the line of industrial union patriotism. The convention should adopt a resolution in this regard.

An Organization Based On Materialism

If we want to encourage capable men in the organization to be candidates for office, there must

be an inducement. We claim to be materialists, and to understand the law of economic determinism. But, do we? Can we expect capable men in office at a wage of $4 per day? Men who are capable of receiving from $5 to $10 per day in industry. I know of many cases of former I. W. W. employes and officials receiving from $40 to $60 per week, working for the boss. Can we expect these men to be willing to run for office in the I. W. W. again at a wage of $4 per day? When we stop to consider that an official position in the I. W. W. is among the most unpleasant, thankless responsibilities one can assume, the hourly rate is about 40c per hour for officials, and 72c minimum for employes. We are not materialists. Would suggest that the wages be raised at least $1 more per day.

Selection and Election of Officers

The former and present officers of the I. W. W. as a whole are absolutely inefficient to say the least. There have been altogether too many officers in recent years who are void of any capacity whatsoever in the general office of the I. W. W. What is the cause of this? How does it come that incapable men get into office throughout the entire organization, and how can it be remedied? These are questions that the convention ought to seriously consider. Nomination and election of officers in the organization as at present is very much to blame for this. When nomination and election of G. E. B. members were made on the floor of the general convention, it was far more satisfactory—nomination on the floor of the convention from the membership at large, and election by the general referendum was a better method than the one now prevailing. G. E. B. members representing industrial unions, either as chairmen or elected by general referendum ballot of the entire membership, has proven very unsatisfactory, and should be abolished. G. E. B. members should represent the entire membership and not a few sections, with other sections without any representation, or control over the G. E. B. members.

Secretaries Under Bond

The general secretary-treasurer and secretaries of industrial unions should be placed under bond to protect the organization's funds and property. Had the present officials been under bond, the controversy that now prevails could never have assumed the proportions that it has. It seems that there are really no internal safeguards or ways and means whereby controversies can be stopped after they have started. Every possible chance to start controversies seems to be provided for. Such a situation can only result in perpetnal internal struggles and controversies.

A simple constitutional clause like this: "That the General Convention should not adjourn sine die (forever), but can reconvene at the call of the majority of the G. E. B., or two or more industrial unions or a referendum of the membership." If it was possible to reconvene the last convention, the present controversy could have been nipped in the bud. I hope this convention will do something in this regard to protect the organization in the future.

Would suggest that the constitution he so amended as to provide for the Impeachment of General Administration officials by the general convention of the I. W. W.

One-Year Term of Office

When the one-year term of office was adopted in the 1919 General Convention, it was argued that we are short of good, competent executives as officials; this was all too true at that time, as the best talent in our organization was incarcerated in the various penitentiaries throughout the U. S. "It will give the organization a chance to develop its talent. After several years we will have lots of competent executives." "One year in office, then a year on the job," was the motto. Now, has this worked out that way? No, but to the contrary. The outgoing officials, as a rule, do not desire to hold office again, and whatever talent that has been developed at the expense of the organization is not available for its use. Quite a few secure better paying jobs in industry, and the boss gets the benefit of the talent developed at the expense of the organization.

It was also argued in behalf of the one-year clause, that new officials each year would pep up things. The general office would have young blood, and live wires in charge all the time. The results would be renewed life, and vigor in the organization.

Since the adoption of this one-year term of office five years ago, there have been ten general secretaries, seven within the past two years, an average of one every six months. The general executive board has had as many changes. The effects of this have been very discouraging. With green, highly incompetent officials in the offices of the general organization, no real progress has or can be made with the one-year term of office. Therefore I would recommend that the one-year clause be abolished.

In Regards to the New Plan

The so-called new plan, to use a slang phrase, is haywire. The older form of the G. E. B. was far superior to the new plan. The impression I got from the new plan at the first session of the G. E. B. reminded me of the "pork barrel sessions in congress." Most of the G. E. B. members were concerned about placing themselves on the payroll of the general office, and in getting this or that for their industrial union, while the other industrial union chairmen wanted something else. Sort of a game of give and take. The I. W. W. principle was entirely lacking, the interest of the industrial unions came first, at the expense of the general organization. No ways and means were devised or suggested by the board to help the general organization as a whole.

I would advise this convention to weigh carefully

any new plan that may come up before it. The experience of the New Plan that was in effeet this year should serve as a warning.

Foreign Administration Charters

The general administration is in reeeipt of applications for Administration eharters from Stettin, Germany, also from Czecho-Slovakia and an application for a branch charter from Melbourne, Australia. Would suggest that the convention take up the question of issuing these charters.

Headquarters Building

The lease on our headquarters at 1001 West Madison St. expires on April 30, 1925, and we have been notified that we must vacate the building as it has been condemned. The expense incurred by moving must be provided for as the General Office is at the present time without funds of its own. Would suggest that the Ways and Means Committee take up this question.

General Office Bulletin

The general office bulletin cost about $3,000 for the last fiscal year. Mueh good can be aceomplished by continuing the bulletin. In the past it has often been called a scandal sheet, whieh is somewhat true. Would suggest that it contain only matter that is POSITIVELY IMPERSONAL; **constructive criticism and suggestions for the good and welfare of the organization only.** Perhaps a method ean be arranged so as to reduce the cost of issuing the bulletin. This convention must lay down a policy for the general offiee bulletin.

Contradictions In Constitution

The following are, in my opinion, conflicting clauses in our present consttiution:

Article 1, Section 4, conflicts with Article 4, Section 1, A, B, and C.

I. U. No. 310 has adopted a district form as they call it, of organization, and have abolished their branehes. An investigation committee from the Northwest distriet came to Chieago the latter part of July and agreed that there was some question as to the constitutionality of the new form, and quoted Article 4, Sec. 1 (a) to the effect that I. U. No. 310 should have a general organization committee. On pages 13 and 14 we find conflictions in duties between the general seeretary-treasurer and assistant seeretary-treasurer, and why there should be an assistant secretary-treasurer no one has ever explained or can explain.

The constitution must be amended by this convention so that it will not allow for ambiguous interpretations; it must be very short and clear so as to avoid misunderstanding in the future.

Not One Cent in One Year

Ever sinee I have been in office, the general treasury of the I. W. W. has not had one penny to its eredit, "And to take possession of the earth and the maehinery of produetion, and abolish the wage system," with a deficit is an impossible task. The general organization has been bankrupt for some time. Also many of the subordinate parts. I will furnish the convention with facts and figures that ought to alarm the delegates, at least. I request each and every delegate to study earefully the yearly financial report. They will realize that a sound financial policy must be adopted, if we are to maintain the present structure that now prevails. In short, the organization must be put on a cash-paying basis; whether the clearing house plan or the per capita plan is the most practical, it is up to the convention to decide.

Present Indebtedness of Industrial Unions

This convention must decide the question of what is to be done toward the remitting of the monies due from each subordinate part of the organization toward the general office. This question cannot be ignored. It must be settled. The figures are given in the yearly financial report, and they cry aloud for attention!

At the first session of the G. E. B. I suggested that an industrial union deficit stamp be plaeed in the field. This stamp was voluntary. Each stamp sold to a member of an industrial union would be credited to the industrial union of whieh he was a member. In spite of the fairness and practicability of this industrial union defieit stamp, not one industrial union main offiee wished to handle them, or did handle them. If the voluntary method of meeting financial obligations does not work, and the members are not interested enough to help their industrial unions pay honest and legitimate debts, what would this convention suggest as a remedy?

The total indebtedness of the industrial unions to the general organization and the Bond fund for the last year is $59,455.04. This does not include the eredits given by the last eonvention to I. U. No. 310, of $6,334.24, and to I. U. No. 510, of $28,770.06.

The total deficit is almost $2 per member. I feel sure that the interest of the organization as a whole is served best by wiping out this debt, with the exeeption of the Bond fund, the monies due the General Defense Committee and the Educational stamps.

This convention must adopt and institute a budget system.

In the past many industrial unions and other subordinate parts have refused to abide by the present rules and regulations governing finances. Absolute and flagrant insubordination, to put it mildly, has been the conduct of many offieers of industrial unions in the past, branch secretaries, ete., in regard to payment of bills. With bitter irony, they would request unlimited credit for literature, supplies, ete., knowing that they were unable to pay. The question might be asked, "Well, who did pay?" It would be difficult to figure out exaetly just how the organization has been able to meet its finaneial obligations, but the Small Industrial unions, together with one or two of the large industrial unions are the ones who have virtually financed the entire organization. If this

convention will put the organization on a sound financial basis, results that can be accomplished can hardly be exaggerated.

Why Some Industrial Unions Can't Keep Out of the Hole

The following figures show a comparison of the amount of dues collected and the wages of the Industrial Unions for the last fiscal year.

I. U. No. 110:		
Dues ..	$ 27,018.00	
Wages ..	24,046.47	
Cash Cr.		$ 3,971.53
I. U. No. 120 (for 10 months only):		
Dues ..	$ 50,021.50	
Wages ..	42,425.91	
I. U.s Nos. 210-220:		
Dues ..	$ 16,702.00	
Wages ..	12,938.47	
Cash Cr.		3,863.53
I. U. No. 230:		
Wages ..	$ 3,088.00	
Dues ..	4,354.53	
Cash Deficit		1,266.53
I. U. No. 310, (10 months only):		
Dues ..	$ 21,637.50	
Wages ..	13,525.45	
Cash Cr.		8,112.05
I. U. No. 440 (for 10 months only):		
Dues ..	$ 4,603.50	
Wages ..	6,706.59	
Cash Deficit		2,103.09
I. U. No. 510:		
Dues ..	$ 34,518.50	
Wages ..	38,945.89	
Cash Deficit		4,426.18
I. U. No. 520:		
Dues ..	$ 6,622.50	
Wages ..	7,499.13	
Cash Deficit		876.63
Small Industrial Unions:		
Dues ..	$ 4,361.00	
Wages ..	2,020.93	
Cash Cr.		2,340.07

The question is, how can these deficits be changed to credits, and the credits increased? By raising the dues and slashing the payrolls of all the industrial unions.

The industrial unions must raise sufficient revenue to meet their expenses. It is impossible to run a LABOR union on 50-cent dues, and the sooner we realize it the better for the organization.

Some of the above deficits and others incurred by the delinquent industrial unions have been met in this manner: By holding and using Bond, Educational and DEFENSE monies; also by selling and not remitting for Solidarity, Pioneer and some foreign papers. The receipts from the sale of literature which has not been paid for. How long should this be allowed to continue? The convention will have to answer this question.

The following figures are also of interest to the convention and the membership.

Total wages for the last fiscal year in the General Organization as a whole, (120-310 for 10 months only and I. U. No. 510 for 11 months). The following figures do not include commission on initiations.

WAGES:	
I. U. Br. Sec'ys and Dels.	$119,433.71
I. U. Main Offices	40,597.74
General Headquarters	10,475.15
G. E. B.	3,966.00
Educational Bureau	351.00
Industrial Solidarity	4,495.33
Industrial Pioneer	3,409.98
Total wages for entire org.	$182,728.91

(Or about 45 percent of actual revenue; $5.60 per member, 40c is left from dues per member for the structure of the new society).

General Def. Comm., Main Office	$ 4,574.85
Wages Publicity Office	2,069.57
Total ..	$ 6,644.42
Grand Total	$189,373.33

The unfortunate controversy of the last few months has impaired the efficiency of our organization to an alarming degree. A reorganization of the General Office and its subordinate parts is necessary; I hope that those elected by this convention will be equal to this task.

Doyle then added to his report a verbal report, and answered many questions regarding funds, per capita, etc.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Cole, 110): That the report of Tom Doyle take the same course as the previous reports, and recommendations be turned over to resolutions committee. Carried.

Chairman states that two committee men should be elected to take places of Cantwell and Johnson, on ways and means committee and on resolutions committee.

Nominations for resolutions committee: Erwin, Cole (declines), Grad, Sanjour (declines), Oates, Rumbaugh (declines).

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Rumbaugh, 330): That nominations be closed. Carried.

Oates elected, 16 votes.

Nominations for ways and means committee.

Rumbaugh (S. I. U.), Sanjour, Cole (declines), Grad, Anderson (declines).

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Walquist-510): That nominations be closed. Carried. Grad elected, by 10 votes.

Notification committee made report here, Grad on floor, as follows: Last night I sent Fellow Worker Sam Kapon of I. U. No. 210-220 the following wire: "I have been instructed to notify you of the following motion moved by Gray, seconded by Bro-

man, that pending investigation and trial we suspend from office Tom Doyle, General Secretary-Treasurer; James Morris, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Joe Fisher, General Organizer; J. J. McMurphy, Alternate Secretary-Treasurer; J. A. Griffith, Alternate Organizer and G. E. B. members Jas. Rowan, P. D. Ryan, Fred Bowerman, Sam Kapon, Arthur Linn and Charles Gibson. Suspension to take effect Friday at five o'clock. Carried unanimously. Motion passed today requesting all suspended officials to appear for report tomorrow and those not here as soon as possible.—Frank Grad, Committee; P. J. Welinder, Chairman Convention.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-20-Mann, 110): That we accept report of notification committee as progress. Carried.

M. & S. (Mattson-Rumbaugh): That we discharge rules and credentials committees. Lost.

Fellow Worker Joe Oates resigned from rules and credentials committees.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Swanson, 310): That we accept resignation of Fellow Worker Oates from these two committees. Carried.

Nominations open for committeeman on rules committee.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110): That Fellow Worker Sanjour be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Nominations open for credentials committee.

Oberman (declines), Ruth Rumbaugh, S. J. Cole. Ruth Rumbaugh elected.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—NINTH DAY OCTOBER 22, 1924.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Fred Fisher, I. U. No. 110, and Chas. Gray, excused for committee duty.

Report of Chas. Anderson, ex-G. E. B. member of I. U.s Nos. 210-220, read.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Leonard, 310): That communication from Chas. Anderson be referred to controversial matter. Carried.

Report of Thos. Smith, ex-G. E. B. member of I. U. No. 310, read.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That report of Smith take the same course as Anderson's report.

Amended by Mann, 110, seconded by Thompson, 440: That report be filed and recommendations be turned over to regular committee.

Amendment lost, motion carried, ten to seven.

Fred Fisher arrived at 9:20 a. m.

Report of Albert Anz read.

Gray arrived at 9:25 a. m.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Cole, 110): That report of Albert Anz be turned over to the resolutions committee. Carried.

Report of Hungarian paper, Bermunkas, read. Fellow Worker Steve Visi, business manager of Bermunkas, was given the floor immediately after the reading of this report, to add to it verbally, and make request for foreign administration charter for Czecho-Slovakia.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220, Mattson, 210-220): That report of Bermunkas be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Erwin, 230): That recommendations made verbally by business manager of Bermunkas be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Question called for by Speed. Three speakers. House supports call. Motion carried.

Minutes of yesterday's session read by E. Rumbaugh, reading clerk.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That minutes of Oct. 21, be accepted as corrected, subject to final reading. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mattson, 210-220): That temporary Administration Committee be instructed to file complete set of minutes for each delegate attending this convention. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Mann, 110): That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last general convention. Carried.

Press Committee, Ed Delaney, reports.

Chair rules that report of Press Committee be accepted; no objection.

Report of Jedna Velka Unie read; (Czecho-Slovak magazine).

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Chuba, 440): That report of Jedna Velka Unie be filed and the translated communications turned over to the Ways and Means Committee.

Amended by Mann, 110, seconded by Schwandt, 330: That report of Jedna Velka Unie be accepted and communications turned over to the Ways and Means Committee.

Amendment carried, 13 to 2. Motion lost.

Report of Solidaridad, Spanish publication, read.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Nelson, 310): That report of Solidaridad be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Morris, suspended assistant secretary, reports as secretary of the General Defense Committee:

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Fisher, 110): That report of General Defense secretary be accepted.

Amended by Rumbaugh, 330, seconded by Anderson, 310: That it take the same course as that of other officers' reports. Amendment lost, 13 to 10. Motion carried, 14 to 8.

Grad, 120, opposed to motion; also Murray, 120, Leonard, Swanson, Anderson and Nelson, of 310.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That F. W. Jas. Morris be requested to bring in a report as assistant general secretary-treasurer. Carried.

Morris then read communication from John Beffel.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Walquist, 510): That the temporary Administration Committee be instructed to send $100 to the Centralia Publicity Committee.

Question called by Cole; 5 speakers. House supports call. Motion carried, 8—7.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Fisher, 110): That we send a telegram to Governor Hart of the state of Washington, demanding that he release those prisoners now in Walla Walla.

Amended by Mann, 110, seconded by Rumbaugh, 330: That the Resolutions Committee be instructed to draw up a resolution on this question and submit it to this body, before it is sent to Governor Hart of Washington.

Question called by Swanson. House supports call. Amendment lost, 6 to 13. Motion carried, 13 to 6.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Nelson, 310): That the report of John Beffel be filed.

Amended (Jordan, 110-Gray, 110): That report of John Beffel be accepted as progress. Amendment carried, 16 to 2.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Mann, 110): That recommendations from the Defense Secretary be turned over to resolutions committee. Carried.

Ways and means committee reports, Hanson on floor.

Resolutions No. 114, 73 and 20, read as follows:

I. U. No. 110 Resolution No. 65 which reads as follows: That a notation be entered in every delegate's membership card when issued credentials, and a special clearance stamp be given all delegates when their accounts are cleared. (No. 114, ways and means committee.)

I. U. No. 120, Resolution No. 2, Resolution No. 3 from Portland Branch:

Whereas, Delinquent delegates under the present system of clearance card have a chance to participate both in meetings and in referendum ballots, the membership cards showing nothing that indicates whether the delegate is clear or not; therefore, be it

Resolved, That an extra page be attached to the membership card where the secretary mark the credential number and the amount of supplies issued, thus showing at a glance whether the member is a delinquent delegate or not. (No. 73, ways and means committee.)

I. U. No. 310 resolutions committee offers the following: That in the future we provide in our membership books a page where a record of the member who is taking out credentials is recorded with name and credentials number of office that issued same, and be it further

Resolved, That a clearance stamp be issued to the delegate who is in good standing with his I. U. and space be provided on the page for same, which will take the place of the present clearance card, and that we use the pages for voluntary contributions and votes on referendum ballots for that purpose until a new issue of due books are printed and pages are provided for same, so that this practice will begin immediately. (Ways and means committee No. 20.)

Ways and means committee recommended that resolutions Committee No. 20 be accepted and concurred in, as it covered the other two completely, and recommend its adoption.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Leonard, 310): That we concur with the recommendation of the ways and means committee. Carried, 19 to 1.

Resolution No. 115 and No. 6, read as follows:

I. U. No. 110, R-62. Rec. 4, resolution committee No. 115.

Committee concurs that a positive position be outlined with one interpretation of the principles, structure and general methods in the form of a catechism.

Res. No. 4, S. W. District, I. U. No. 310, resolution committee No. 6:

Whereas, A large portion of the new membership is ignorant on the subject of organization and have no way to find out only through long experience, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that the Educational Bureau put out a pamphlet on this subject.

Substitute offered by ways and means committee:

That a committee of three be elected from the floor of this convention to prepare an official statement, setting forth in concise terms exactly what the I. W. W. is and what it aims to accomplish; and that this committee be instructed to submit their statement to the convention for final action.

Committee concurs with substitute, and requests convention to concur also.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with the committee on the substitute for resolutions nos. 115 and 6.

Question called by Speed. 8 speakers. House supports call. Motion carried, 15 to 5.

Resolution No. 4, from I. U. No. 310 convention, read as follows:

"Whereas, In the past the papers and literature have not had the circulation they should have had, especially on the job where it is any distance to the nearest postoffice, therefore be it

Resolved, That we issue coupons of the following denominations: 25c, 50c and $1, the coupons to be used for subscriptions to the publications and for literature only. The delegates to handle them, the same as they are handling stamps and due books, and remit money received for sale of coupons direct to the publications or to Headquarters." Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cole, 110): That we concur with ways and means committee.

Adjourned at 12:30 p. m. for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—NINTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. All delegates present except temporary administration committee, Chas. Gray and Broman.

Question called by Rumbaugh. House supports call. Motion carried, 13 to 5. (310 delegates Leonard, Swanson, Anderson and Nelson voting no.)

Resolution No. 2 presented, Resolution No. 3 from Denver conference, I. U. No. 310:

"That the General Organization put a card case for the whole organization and charge no more than one dollar." Resolution committee concurs and recommends adoption.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Leonard, 310): That we concur with recommendation from the ways and means committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 106, read as follows:

"Whereas, Employes of hotels and restaurants work seven days a week and long hours and have no day off to rest, and therefore they are not able to interest themselves in any kind of organization work, and

"Whereas, Foundation of foodstuffs lies on raw material as elevators, creameries, canneries, packing houses, storage houses, etc., therefore be it

Resolved, That special propaganda work should be done more effectively among these workers, and be it further

"Resolved, That regarding industries mentioned, above leaflets should be printed and distributed among these workers and more job delegates be stationed among these industries." Ways and means committee concurs, and recommends it be referred to G. E. B. for action.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Cole, 110): That we concur with ways and means committee recommendation. Carried.

Resolution No. 108, read as follows:

"Chicago Branch I. U. No. 440, ways and means committee resolution No. 5-2:

"We, the ways and means committee recommend that the General Industrial Union Stamp which is put out by the General Office of the I. W. W. be used by I. U. No. 440 in place of the Steel Drive stamp, and that we recommend to the general convention of the I. W. W. that the color and design of this stamp be changed and the year 1925 be printed upon the stamp." The committee concurs and refers it to the General Administration for action.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Chuba, 440): That we concur with ways and means committee. Carried.

Report of ways and means committee accepted as progress. No objection.

Resolutions committee reports, **Geo Speed, Chairman.**

Resolution No. 29 read. Majority of resolutions committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That we concur with resolutions committee.

Amended (Rumbaugh, 330-Murray, 120): That this resolution (No. 29) be referred to the constitution and by-laws committee. Amendment carried.

Resolution No. 24, read as follows:

"Resolution No. 11, Denver conference, I. U. No. 310: That we put on application for credentials the following: What is Industrial Unionism? What is Job Action? How Does the I. W. W. Organize on the Job?" Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Nelson, 310): That we concur with resolution committee. Motion lost, 10 to 13. Leonard and Nelson wish to be recorded as voting yes.

Gray arrives at 2:55 p. m.

Resolution No. 12 read as follows:

"Resolution No. 9, Southwest district, I. U. No. 310: Resolved, That the I. W. W. or any subordinate part shall not become owners of real property." Resolution committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with committee. Schwandt calls for question. House supports call. Carried, 17 to 5. Leonard, Swanson, Anderson and Nelson, I. U. No. 310, voting no.

Resolution No. 21, read as follows:

Resolution No. 17, S. W. District, I. U. No. 310:

"Resolved, That any article offered to any I. W. W. bulletin or any other official publication of the I. W. W. dealing with personalities or insinuations against any member of the I. W. W. must receive the sanction of the G. E. B. for publication." Committee concurs unanimously.

M. & S. (Oates. 210-20-Hanson, 110): That we concur with resolutions committee. Carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 22 read as follows:

Resolved, That we instruct the G. E .B. to have enough copies of the verbatim report of each convention printed to cover the demand, and the G. E. B. shall stand instructed to send a copy of same to each branch, supply station and district office of the I. W. W.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Nelson, 310): That we concur with committee. Question called by Nelson. 2 speakers. House supports call. Record vote called for by Mann, 110. Follows:

Mann (110) no, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole (120) no, Welinder no, Grad no, Murray yes, Mattson (210-220) no, Oates yes, Erwin (230) yes, Leonard (310) yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes, Anderson yes, Henrikson (330) no, Rumbaugh no, Schwandt yes, Sanjour (L. A. Branch) yes, Thompson (440) no, Chuba yes, Speed (510) no, Walquist no, R. Rumbaugh (S. I. U.) no. Motion lost, 12 to 14.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330- Chuba, 440): That the verbatim report made of this convention be printed and charged to the I. U.s on a pro rata basis, and distributed on the same basis.

Amended (Mann, 110-Walquist, 510): That this motion and resolution be referred to the ways and means committee. Amendment carried.

Resolution No. 28 read.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Cole, 110): That we lay this resolution on the table until we have dispensed with the question of General Defense. Carried.

Resolution No. 35, read as follows:

Resolution No. 20, Portland conference:

"That any nominee placed on the ballot be vouched for by at least seven members and that the names and card numbers of the nominees and members vouching for them be published in the weekly official bulletin at least three times. Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That we concur with resolutions committee.

Question called by Jordan. House supports call. 4 speakers. Carried, 16 to 7.

Resolution No. 42 read. Resolutions committee concurs.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Anderson, 310): That we concur with resolutions committee. (Broman arrived at 3:44 p. m.)

Question called by Anderson, 310. Motion lost, 9 to 14.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That this resolution (No. 42) be sent to resolutions committee for redrafting. Carried.

Administration committee reported herewith, Gray on floor:

"I understand when I went to Headquarters, this noon, the lawyer phoned and said that Rowan was going to bat Friday in the court of the Master in Chancery, and there is no chance of compromise, no chance of his withdrawing the injunction. He is going to go to bat.

"In regard to these minutes we are putting out, I wish to enter a complaint. These minutes are merely being used by Rowan et al. as propaganda. It was said here on the 7th day, Grad speaking: 'I was talking to Maurice Daly, and he told me he went to Headquarters to get supplies and was refused. He says that Tom Doyle is still signing checks, on Saturday last.' I wish to state here and now, that is untrue, and I wish to be recorded as saying it is untrue that Tom Doyle has been signing checks since Friday morning.

"There was a motion made to refer the telegram from San Pedro to the Administration Committee, and all we could do was refer them to the General Defense Committee. We can do nothing. We have no money."

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Hanson, 110): That report of temporary Administration Committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

Resolution No. 87, read as follows (from I. U. No. 330):

"That we go on record as being opposed to any discussion in regard to national or international political affiliation being brought on the floor of the general convention of 1924." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-20-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with resolutions committee. Carried.

Resolution No.6, from I. U. No. 120, Resolution No. 77, read as follows:

"That we recommend to the general convention that the bail and bond fund be placed in the hands of trustees as originally adopted when the fund was formed." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Chuba, 440): That we concur with resolutions committee. Carried.

Fisher stated here that the bond fund has at all times been in the hands of trustees, and never in the hands of two men.

Resolution No. 129, read as follows:

Resolution No. 6, I. U. No. 210:

"Whereas, A critical situation exists in our organization at the present time, due to the two factions, and there can no good come out of such factions, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we favor the alternates to take charge of the offices of Secretary-Treasure, General Organizer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and the General Executive Board, until the convention is over, or the new officials elected." Committee does not concur. Matter disposed of.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with committee report, and resolution be filed. Carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 145, read as follows (I. U. No. 210-220): "That the pages of the newspapers of the organization be open for the airing and discussion of internal troubles within the organization, because we have found out that information obtained through the buletin is often incomplete and productive of wrong conclusions." Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Hanson, 110): That we concur with recommendations of committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 149 and 134 read, as follows:

Hibbing Br., I. U. No. 210-20, No. 149:

"That convention choose a revisor for the Headquarters books."

No. 134: "That an itemized statement of all funds sent to either faction since the controversy started be given the convention, and an auditing committee be elected to audit same. Committee concurs and suggests an auditing committee of three be elected from this body.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Erwin, 230): That we concur with resolutions committee recommendation.

Amended (Gray, 110-Grad, 120): That we elect an auditing committee of 6 to audit Headquarters books and the books of 440 and 520 to be audited first. Amendment carried.

Resolution No. 101, read as follows:

"That we recommend to the general convention that a Secretary-Treasurer be elected jointly by the Small Industrial Unions, regulary nominated and elected from rank and file of the Small Industrial Unions instead of being appointed by the G. E. B." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Cole, 110): That we concur with resolutions committee recommendation. Carried, 19 to 2.

Resolution No. 51, read as follows (I. U. No. 440 resolution No. 13): "Resolved, That we recommend

to the whole I. W. W. that the secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. and secretary-treasurers of all Industrial Unions be bonded." Committee offers following substitute:

"Resolved, That the General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W. be bonded and that we recommend to the different I. U.s to take the same action pertaining to their secretaries."

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Broman, 120): That we do not concur with the committee recommendation. Carried, 13 to 6.

Committee of three to be elected and submit back to this body a statement of the aims and objects and principles of the I. W. W. Nominations open.

Jordan (declines), Welinder (accepts), Chuba (declines), Speed (declines) Erwin (declines), Fisher (accepts), Broman (declines), Hanson (accepts), Mann (accepts). Elected are: Welinder (21 votes), Hanson (17 votes), Fred Mann (14 votes).

Nominations open for auditing committee. Walquist (declines), Gray (declines), Thompson (declines), Mattson (declines), Fisher (declines), Grad (accepts), Erwin (accepts), Nelson (accepts), Anderson (declines), Sanjour (accepts), Oates (declines), Cole (declines), Speed (declines), Henrikson (declines), Leonard (declines), Chuba (declines), Oberman (declines), Swanson (accepts), Schwandt (declines), Murray (declines), Rumbaugh (accepts), Hanson (declines), R. Rumbaugh (declines), Jordan (declines), Mann (declines).

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That nominations be closed. Carried.

Accepted: Grad, Erwin, Nelson, Sanjour, Swanson, E. Rumbaugh.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Chuba, 440): That those fellow workers who accepted be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Session adjourned at 5:30.

MORNING SESSION—TENTH DAY
Thursday, October 23, 1924

Morning session called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Mann and Fisher of 110, and Chas. Gray, excused for committee duty. Communication from Workers Party read. Mann arrived at 9:10.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Grad, 120): That communication be sent back to where it came from.

Amended (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That this communication be filed. Amendment carried, 17 to 6, Grad, 120, voting no; also Leonard, Nelson and Swanson of 310 and Murray, 120 and Erwin, 230.

Communication from Herman Suhr, via C. W. Darrington read as follows:

Spokane, Washington, Oct. 16, 1924.

To the Fellow Workers of Local 120 of Spokane,

To be taken before their next meeting:

"I, C. W. Darrington, have been requested by Fellow Worker Herman D. Suhr, now serving sentence in Folsom penitentiary in the state of California, to bring before you the following request:

"That this matter be brought before your body at the first meeting of same, and that should this meet with the approval of the rank and file of Local 120 of Spokane, Washington, to instruct your delegate to bring before the convention of the Industrial Workers at Chicago: to wit, the following, for immediate action in behalf of the above named fellow worker now incarcerated behind the prison walls in the state of California for over ten years, in his effort to secure his freedom.

The state laws of California require any and all persons desiring clemency from the governor to comply with the requirements of law: to wit, any person entering an application for pardon must notify each and every member of the jury that he is applying for same and must also notify the district attorney and trial judge and sheriff if in the time between conviction and application any of the above named have died; it is then necessary for the applicant for such clemency to notify one of the deputies.

"Fellow Worker Suhr refuses to accept a parole; he has tried to comply with the law but the prison officials, because they have no use for him, have done and are doing everything in their power to prevent him from complying with the law by withholding his mail, etc. Suhr is sure that clemency will be granted providing that he can get his application before the governor at the next meeting of the pardon board, which will be in December just before Christmas. He therefore respectfully requests the fellow workers of 120 to instruct their delegate to bring this before the convention and that they appoint a delegate to go to Marysville, get the names of all of the jury and their addresses, to visit them and if possible get them to make a favorable statement in his behalf. After he has done this get a permit from the governor to see Suhr and he will give him all necessary information concerning the above.

"I sincerely trust that you fellow workers will do all in your power to see that Fellow Worker Suhr gets the necessary assistance from the convention and I send you his greeting in his own words as he said to me: 'Tell all the fellow workers wherever you meet them to keep up the fight for freedom from wage slavery. Give them my best wishes and tell them that after 10 years in this hell hole I still stand for the One Big Union and always will. My only hope is once again to receive my liberty so that I can again begin the battle where I left off. So long live the One Big Union! From Herman Suhr to all the fellow workers: Keep up the good fight!'

(Signed) C. W. DARRINGTON.

"P. S.—One of the jurymen said that he never believed Suhr to be guilty. He is the only one who sent Suhr a letter. He was the 13th juryman; he recommends clemency. The others do not answer.

"So do your damnedest, fellow workers, to get the loyal worker out of prison."

Fred Fisher arrived at 9:30.

M. & S. (Speed. 510-Hanson, 110): That this communication from Herman Suhr be turned over to the California Branch of the General Defense, and they be instructed to act immediately in accordance with the communication. Carried unanimously.

Communication from Main Office of I. U. No. 510 read stating:

That Seattle branch of 510 refuses to remit although instructed by the I. U. 510 convention to do so.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Schwandt, 330): That Seattle branch and all other branches of I. U. No. 510 be instructed to remit to 510 Main Office at once. Carried, Broman voting opposed.

Gray arrived at 9:50. Telegram from Detroit read, as follows:

"General Convention of the I. W. W.:

"The following resolutions were carried at our I. U. 440 meeting. We concur with the Seattle joint branch resolutions dated Oct. 4, 1924. We endorse the action of the convention for appointing temporary officials until new ones can be elected by rank and file."—R. SAHTI, REC. SEC'Y., C. ANASTASOFF, CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and accepted subject to final reading. Telegram from Portland, Ore., read, as follows:

"Special meetings demand that delegates take immediate action against Buchwald and Ryan for ignoring convention. Instruct delegates to do everything possible to lift injunction. Endorse action of electing new administration. Demand that Buchwald, Ryan resign or recognize convention rulings. What officials are against removing the injunction?" —(Signed): WM. DUNSMORE.

NOTE.—This is in reply to telegram of Tuesday night, asking them to hold special meetings and advise us of their decision.

Press committee reports. Telegram drafted by press committee, Ed. Delaney, to Governor Louis F. Hart of Washington, read as follows:

"We, the delegates of the Industrial Workers of the World from all the basic industries of the United States in convention assembled at Chicago demand that you immediately pardon or grant a new trial to the following class war prisoners who are now incarcerated in Walla Walla prison: Britt Smith, Eugene Barnett, Ray Becker, Loren Roberts, O. C. Bland, John Lamb, James McInerney and Bert Bland. We base our demands on the grounds that the men were illegally convicted, that six of the jurors who convicted them have since signed affidavits that the men were innocent and were convicted solely because the jurors were afraid to bring in a verdict of acquittal and that it has been proven the state used perjured testimony."—(Signed) DELEGATES TO THE 16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W., per CHAIRMAN, P. J. WELINDER.

Press committee report accepted as read and the telegram ordered sent. No objection.

Auditing committee reports, Rumbaugh on floor: The committee has decided that they cannot audit the books before Sunday at noon, and give as their reason that they wish those whose books are being examined may have an opportunity to be present. The following letter has been drafted and will be sent to the following parties requesting them to appear: John Grady, Harry Trotter, Fred Bowerman and M. Raddock: "You are hereby notified that the undersigned committee, elected from the floor of the Sixteenth Annual Convention to audit all books and accounts in General Headquarters will begin the auditing of the books and accounts of I. U. 440 and 520 on Sunday, October 26th, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, at the above address. All accounts not entered in the books of the above mentioned unions that either of you have kept since establishing offices elsewhere than 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago, should be presented to the auditing committee at that time.—(Signed): **Frank Grad, Albert Nelson, Elmer Swanson, Claude Erwin, J. Sanjour, Elmer D. Rumbaugh.**

M. & S. (Chuba 440-Mann, 110): That report and letter of notification of the auditing committee be accepted. Carried.

Resolutions Committee Reports

Resolution No. 166 from resolutions committee, presented by George Speed, as follows:

"Whereas, J. A. Griffith, James Rowan, Charles Anderson, P. D. Ryan, Fred W. Bowerman and H. E. Trotter, claiming to be members of the Industrial Workers of the World, and certain Industrial Unions thereof, did file in the Superior Court of Cook county, Illinois, a bill for injunction No. 407, 408, against Joe Fisher and Tom Doyle, members of the Industrial Workers of the World, and then officers of said Industrial Workers of the World, and

"Whereas, Said suit is still pending, and in same an injunctional order has been issued which practically deprives the organization and its officers of the use of their building at 1001 W. Madison St. in the city of Chicago, and

"Whereas, Said suit was by Judge David referred to Fred Bernstein, master in chancery, to take proofs and report his conclusions upon the merits of said bill, and

"Whereas, It has never been the policy of the Industrial Workers of the World, or its members, to settle any differences that may occur in the organization or between its members and officers, in the courts, but rather that the legal channels of the Industrial Workers of the World should be exhausted in the settlement of same, and

"Whereas, The proper place to settle all such differences, and properly to care for the interests and funds of the Industrial Workers of the World is in the convention of said Industrial Workers of the World, and

"Whereas, Said convention, regularly called, is now in session at the Emmet Memorial Hall, 2179 Ogden Ave., in the city of Chicago, county of Cook,

Illinois; which said convention was duly and regularly convened on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1924, and is still in session, and

"Whereas, The matters in controversy or alleged to be in controversy in said suit, have been brought before said convention, and said convention and committees thereof, have had extended hearings upon the same, now, therefore,

"Be It Resolved, That the 1924 convention of the Industrial Workers of the World now in session, hereby directs said J. A. Griffith, James Rowan, Chas. Anderson, P. D. Ryan, Fred W. Bowerman and H. E. Trotter, to discontinue all court proceedings in said matter, and to dismiss the bill so filed by them, and all proceedings thereunder, on or before 9:30 o'clock a. m., October 24th, 1924, and further

"Be It Resolved, That in the event the said J. A. Griffith, James Rowan, Charles Anderson, P. D. Ryan, Fred W. Bowerman and H. E. Trotter fail to discontinue and dismiss said suit that P. J. Welinder, Chairman, and L. McCarthy, Secretary of the convention, transmit to the court in which said suit is pending, and to the master before whom said hearing is to occur, a copy of this resolution, as evidence of the determination of this convention upon said suit, and the matters in controversy."

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That we adopt this resolution. Mann calls for a record vote. Vote follows:

Mann (110) yes, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes, Welinder (120) yes, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray no, Mattson (210-220) yes, Oates yes, Erwin (230) yes, Leonard (310) yes, Swanson yes, Nelson yes, Anderson yes, Henrikson (330) yes, Rumbaugh yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes, Thompson (440) yes, Chuba yes, Speed (510) yes, Walquist yes, Rumbaugh (S. I. U.) yes. Carried, 25 to 2.

Speed states that this will end the resolutions committee report for this period as the grievance committee has stated that they have some important matters to bring before the floor, and desire preference. Resolutions committee report accepted as progress. No objection.

Walquist, chairman of constitution and by-laws committee, waives for time being, to give preference to grievance committee.

Mann, chairman of grievance committee, takes floor. Reads grievance of Ed Delaney:

"On a separate report I have accounted for all the bail which has been put up in California through this office or the office of the California Branch of the General Defense Committee at San Francisco. At the close of that report there are four items of $250 each, totaling $1,000. These items are as follows: Tom Zanger, bail, $250; Walter Smith, bail, $250; Chas. LaRue, bail, $250; Pete Beazley, bail, $250. These men were defendants in the famous ten witness case in Sacramento, California. They were convicted. The case was appealed to the higher courts. The men were all released on $250 each pending the outcome of their appeal. In August of 1923 their appeal was lost and the men ordered into custody. Six men surrendered and the bail was released. The other four members never have surrendered nor ever have made any move towards paying off their indebtedness to the organization of the $250 each. Two of the men have been active to a degree; the other two not so active.

"My grievance follows: I want this convention to make a definite stand on this situation, either suspending the men mentioned from membership until such time as they will surrender or make this bail good, or make a statement that no member will be held accountable for whatever bail which may be placed on him

"My reasons follow. This money belongs to the following organization and individual. Four hundred and fifty dollars to the General Defense Committee; fifty dollars to Austin Lewis; five hundred dollars to the National Bail Fund.

"This money has not yet been forfeited, even though the men were ordered into custody and it may not be forfeited for some time, while on the other hand it may be forfeited at any time.

"However, we have other cases in California that demand bail at times. Practically our sole source of bail is from the National Bail Fund. These people have refused to grant us further bail until this matter is cleared and the account settled.

"In view of the above facts, I request this convention to vote out five hundred and fifty dollars from the bail fund, same to be paid to the National Bail Fund and to Austin Lewis, thereby closing that account, and another withdrawal from the bail fund of four hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to the General Defense Committee. I will make this case clear after this article is read."

Committee recommends: "That if the above named fellow workers do not make arrangements within thirty days from the day they have been notified to pay their bail money belonging to the organization, that they be expelled from the organization."

(SIGNED) F. Mann, Chairman.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That recommendation of grievance committee be concurred in.

Amended (Murray, 120-Rumbaugh, 330): That we refer this back to the grievance committee.

Amendment to amendment (Broman, 120-Thompson, 440): That these four persons stand suspended, to be advertised in our press as delinquent until they pay the bail placed on them, and that we recommend to all branches of their Industrial Unions to try them on the charge of breaking solidarity with their fellow workers. Chair rules, in case motion carries, it must be ratified by referendum vote. Gray appeals ruling of chair. Chair sustained, 18 to 4.

Amendment to amendment. Record vote called for, follows:

(110) Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder no, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220)

Mattson yes, Oates no; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no, Anderson no; (330) Henrikson no, Rumbaugh no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba no; (510) Speed not voting, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Amendment to amendment lost, 3 to 22.

Record vote on amendment:

(110) Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder no, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates no; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Swanson no, Nelson no, Anderson no; (330) Henrikson no, Rumbaugh yes, Schwandt no, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed not voting, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Amendment lost, 4 to 21.

Record vote on motion follows:

(110) Mann yes, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes; (120) Welinder yes, Broman no, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates yes; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Swanson yes, Nelson yes, Anderson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Rumbaugh no, Schwandt yes, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed not voting, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Motion carried 22 to 4.

Recommendation No. 2, grievance committee:

"We recommend that this convention instruct the General Administration of the organization to pay $500 to the National Bail Fund and $50 to Austin Lewis (attorney), at the earliest possible moment, and same to be advanced temporarily out of the organization bail fund."

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with grievance committee recommendation. Carried, 17 to 2, Grad voting no.

Grievance committee No. 3 case read: personal letter from G. N. Gross. Committee recommends that the grievance from Fellow Worker Gross, Card No. X100407, be referred to I. U. No. 310 for action and investigation.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Hanson, 110): That we concur with grievance committee recommendation. Carried.

Case No. 4. Grievance committee read as follows:

Southwest District grievance:

"We recommend that in the future members who are not elected on publicity committees will cease to write articles on cases that are pending, also on trial, and let those who are duly elected for this purpose carry on the publicity work, so that no misrepresentation will occur in the Industrial Worker."—310 convention.

Committee recommends that no editor or press committee of I. W. W. publications shall print or cause to be published any articles in regards to the defense or publicity for members of the I. W. W. being on trial, unless they can ascertain same to be facts.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Swanson, 310): That we concur with recommendation of grievance committee. Carried.

Two resolutions from I. U. 440 read by Mann, as follows:

I. U. 440, resolution No. 14: "That we, the grievance committee, concur with the Chicago branch of I. U. 440 in expelling M. Raddock and Fred Bowerman from the organization. M. & S.: That we concur with grievance No. 3. Carried."

I. U. 440 resolution No. 15:

"Grievance: That we, the grievance committee, approve of the action taken by the different I. U. 440 branches at Fitchburg, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Gary, Ind.; Waukegan, Ill., in concurring with the action of the Chicago, Ill., branch in expelling Raddock and Fred Bowerman from the organization.

"M & S.: That we concur with Grievance No. 4. Carried."

Committee recommends that the stand taken by Chicago branch and concurred with by I. U. 440 committee stands final, and that the above named resolutions be returned to I. U. 440 by this convention, as neither parties have appealed to this convention to have their cases reviewed.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Cole, 110): That we concur with the grievance committee. Carried.

Grievance No. 6 presented, as follows:

"M. & S.: That we request that if James Gilday, who is representing I. U. 510, is found to be the same man who worked as an organizer in the Mesaba Range strike, and in 1917 as Defense Committee secretary at Virginia, that he shall be discharged from the I. W. W."—(Signed) V. Lahti, Chairman; J. Nehtar, Recording Secretary; Chas Oja, Secretary Hibbing Branch, I. U. 210, I. W. W.

Committee recommends that the grievance from 210 branch, Hibbing, be turned over to I. U. 210-220 headquarters for further investigation and action on account of lack of evidence.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Gray, 110): That we concur with recommendation of committee. Carried.

Grievance No. 7, from I. U. 310 convention, in re N. Y. Defense office, read:

"We further recommend that the New York Br. of the General Defense Office be closed at once; and that Richard Brazier be removed from the payroll immediately."—(No. 3 of Southwest district grievance report.)

Committee recommends that they find that the N. Y. Defense office is on a self-supporting basis, and that the New York Defense office is the only one able to work for the deportation cases now pending the decision of New York courts, and further that they find that if the New York branch of the Defense office were closed there would not be anyone who would be able to give the present deportees the necessary assistance. Therefore they recommend that as long as the New York Defense office is not a burden to the organization that it be kept in existence. Majority report, 4; Leonard (310), minority.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Murray, 120): That we concur with majority report of four.

Amended (Broman, 120-Oberman, 110): That this

matter be tabled until the question of General Defense has been settled. Carried.

Grievance No. 8, from Il Proletario, as follows:

Report of Il Proletario to the Sixteenth General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World

Brooklyn, Oct. 9th, 1924.

To the Delegates of the Sixteenth General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, Chicago, Ill.

"Fellow Workers:

"In order to induce you to give a special consideration to our present report and consequently accord us all the co-operation we need, it is necessary that we present to you a brief history of the remote past up to now; of what Il Proletario was at its beginning, what it has done during its twenty-eight years of existence and what it is today, and also what it intends to be in the future.

"This paper was issued in the year 1894 under the jurisdiction of the Italian Socialist Federation (a parliamentary outfit); it was continued as such until 1911. During the years between 1907 (in which time and for about seven months the paper was daily) up to 1911, many syndicalists joined the said federation for the purpose of propagating the futility of the ballot and at the same time of convincing the members to endorse the newly organized economic organization, the I. W. W.

"In 1911 a convention was held in Utica, N. Y., and the delegates of the said convention went on record to withdraw from the socialist party and remain independent, as far as political ideas were concerned, and endorse the program of the Industrial Workers of the World, which was unknown to most of the Italian workers of that time.

"In 1916, another convention of this independent body was held in Boston, Mass., and it was decided to affiliate with the I. W. W. as 'The Italian Federation of Propaganda Leagues of the I. W. W.' and edit Il Proletario as the official organ of this new body. (N. B.—At that time such federations were allowed in our organization).

"At the end of the year 1916 Il Proletario was transferred from Boston, Mass., to Chicago, Ill., to the headquarters of the I. W. W.

"During the period of war hysteria when all the I. W. W. halls were raided all over the country and hundreds of our best fellow workers were thrown into jails for the simple reason of being loyal to the working class, through the columns of our paper we collected about twenty-five thousand dollars for defense and relief purposes and also for the upkeep of the organization at that critical period of time.

"We have made many moral, physical and material sacrifices, but did not suspend one single issue of the paper at that time. We don't want to be rewarded for that, for we consider it was our duty as a part of the great army of revolutionary workers of the world.

"When the 1919 general convention went on record to abolish all the propaganda leagues and recruiting unions, we conducted ourselves accordingly and immediately changed the heading of the paper to read as follows: Italian Official Organ of the Industrial Workers of the World.

"While the paper was printed in the General Office it is true that the General Office extended to our paper a loan of about two thousand and five hundred dollars ($2,500), but it is also true that through the pages of Il Proletario we have collected a loan of about fifteen thousand dollars among the non-members which was turned in to the General Defense and consequently to the General Headquarters for Fellow Worker Baldazzi's bail and many others.

"After all the money was returned to those who loaned it, we only received about four thousand dollars for the nine thousand dollars held, at that time, by the attorney, Christenson; in other words, about five thousand dollars were never returned to us and we were compelled to find ways and means to accumulate that amount in order to pay those who loaned that money to us.

"Considering ourselves an integral part of the I. W. W. and not the Italian members or the Il Proletario group, we did not pay any attention to this, for we thought that the I. W. W. General Office would make good use of that money.

("If you will look through the books you will find out if this is true or not.)

"Last May, 1924, for the reason that Fellow Worker Mario de Ciampis, who was a very good editor for an I. W. W. paper resigned and we were compelled to send for some fellow worker on the other side of the ocean to edit the paper, which turned out to be more harm than good to the paper in particular, and to the I. W. W. in general, we came to the decision that the only way to save the paper and also to help the I. W. W. with our columns, was to transfer the paper to Brooklyn.

"The paper was transferred to Brooklyn with the consent of the entire Italian membership of the I. W.W. (with very little exception) in a conference held in Brooklyn, Feb. 23, 24 and 25, 1924, and with the approval of the General Executive Board of the I. W. W.

"Since the paper came to Brooklyn we have saved about fifteen dollars weekly in the printing part and instead of having two men on the payroll we are doing the work with one man alone and we are going to keep it up until the unemployed period will have gone by. In Chicago we were paying about $130 or more for 4,700 copies and here we have increased the circulation to 5,500 and we are paying only $122 weekly for printing.

"The only trouble we have is that every week we are compelled to send the mailing lists to the Equity Printing Co. in Chicago and have the wrappers made up for the mailing of the paper. This work costs us about $15 a week or more, including printing, paper, expressing, mailing, etc. Many times we must telegraph for they often arrive later than Monday, the day on which the paper goes to press. One week we

had to delay the paper eight days for this reason.

"In order to avoid this unnecessary trouble and expense and at the same time to be sure that the paper will be mailed on time, we have borrowed some money from one of our fellow workers and come to the conclusion to buy an addressograph. But we need the stencils that are in care of the Equity Printing Co. in Chicago, Ill.

"About two weeks ago we wrote to Fellow Worker Gallagher and he answered that until we could pay some of the money we owed he could not send us the plates, stencils and other things concerning the paper. But considering that the General Convention was near he advised us to bring this up to the said General Convention.

"Now, fellow workers, if you have any consideration for the work Il Proletario has done for the entire organization in the past; if you consider the money we have collected through its columns and passed over to General Headquarters; if you consider us as an integral part of the revolutionary press of the Industrial Workers of the World, we ask your respectful assemblage to concede us what we are asking, below:

"FIRST: Cancel all the debts that Il Proletario has with the Equity Printing Co of Chicago, Ill.

"SECOND: Send us without any charge on our part, all the stencils, plates, cabinets, and all the outfits for the mailing lists belonging to Il Proletario.

"By so doing you will give us an immense support and you will take off our hands an old debt that perhaps we will never be able to pay.

"Once we are free from thse unnecessary troubles we can dedicate ourselves to the organization work with more efficiency than we have done in the past and the organization will be repaid in the long run by increasing the members in the various industrial unions.

"We thank you for the co-operation which we are confident you will not deny us. Wishing you a successful and peaceful convention, we remain

"Yours for the Industrial Workers of the Word,

G. Mangano, Editor and Business Mgr.

(Card Number 409197.)

"In regard to the controversy in the General Office which was started by the general officials, we wish to state that our present stand is as follows:

"We demand the resignations of all the officials involved in the controversy, and unless they resign remove them, give them a fair trial and punish the guilty ones for what harm they have done to the I. W. W.

"We have refused to publish anything for either side in order to avoid confusion among our members and not to create an impression that we are upholding one side or the other. But we are willing and ready to conduct ourselves according to the decision of our own supreme court: THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD."—**G. Mangano.**

Majority report of grievance committee follows:

"We, this committee, suggest or recommend to the general convention after making a thorough investigation in regard to Il Proletario, that Il Proletario has and owns 28 trays full of name plates (addresses). These belong to them, but not the cabinets nor other things. Il Proletario owes the print shop $448.-02 for material and work done for them. The committee suggests to send them two cabinets, plates, stencils, trays if they are willing to pay half of their bill of $448.02. In other words, they shall pay the Equity Printing Co. $224.01 and upon receipt of same (the rest of the debt to be paid as soon as possible), to ship to them two cabinets, 28 trays full of plates, with the proviso that the above mentioned property always be considered property of the I. W. W."

Minority report: "Whereas the Equity Printing Co. is in possession of supplies by which Il Proletario (I. W. W. paper-Italian) is hindered from functioning properly if not delivered to their office in New York immediately, and

"Whereas, Il Proletario is not able to meet any large bills in payment for the above named supplies,

"I therefore recommend that all trays, stencils and cabinets be delivered to Il Proletario without delay, and the same to remain property of the I. W. W. at all times.

"Whereas Il Proletario is in debt $448.02 to the Equity Printing Co and whereas the same Il Proletario has debts to its name all told of over $800, and therefore is not able to pay the Equity Printing Co. if sufficient time to do so is not allowed,

"I therefore recommend that Il Proletario be allowed to pay its debt to Equity Printing Co at the rate of $25 per month."

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Hanson, 110): That we concur with majority report. (Action withheld until afternoon session, because of time.)

Minutes of Duluth branch read by Chairman, as follows:

Special Business Meeting L. W. I. U. 120 called to order by branch secretary, 8 p. m., October 16, 1924.

Monkkonen elected chairman; Carlston elected recording secretary. Hamalainen appointed card inspector. Reports 8 L. W. I. U. 120 members in good standing and 4 members of other I. U.'s.

M. & S.: That report of card inspector be accepted. Carried.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

M. & S.: That minutes of previous meeting be accepted. Carried.

Reading of communication from delegates to general convention.

M. & S.: That communication from delegates be accepted as read. Carried.

M. & S.: That we give the delegates a vote of confidence and wire them to that effect; also send minutes. Carried.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 9 p. m.

Chairman, Antti Monkkonen, L4-159; Recording Secretary, Ed Carlston, 1995; Br. Sec., Ed. Carlston.

Filed for future reference.

Minutes of Chicago branch I. U. No. 110 read, as follows:

Special I. U. 110 Meeting Held in the Chicago Branch at 8 P. M., October 22, 1924

Called to order by Harvey Saunders. Nominations for chairman: Lowe (dec.), Block (dec.), Elsasser (dec.), Foster (acc.), Saunders (acc.), Austin (acc.), Kenny (acc.).

M. & S.: That nominations be closed. Carried.

Austin elected chairman. Fellow Worker Geo. Elsasser conductor. Report of conductor: 17 members of I. U. 110 in good standing present.

Fellow Worker Connaughton elected recording secretary.

M. & S.: That we go on record as recognizing this as being a bona fide I. W. W. convention.

Amendment: That official statement of the 16th convention of the I. W. W. be accepted as read and that we take up the questions seriatim. Carried.

M. & S.: That this branch go on record as recognizing this as the 16th annual convention now in session. Motion lost.

M. & S.: That this branch go on record as recognizing the convention now in session as being the 16th annual convention of the I. W. W. Withdrawn.

M. & S.: That we recognize the body now holding sessions at the Emmet Memorial hall in the city of Chicago, as the 16th annual constitutional convention of the I. W. W. and the delegates in this convention empowered to deal with any and all questions that may come before this convention. Carried.

M. & S.: That we approve the action taken in regard to the controversy and accept the convention as the administration of our organization affairs through the temporary administration elected for the purpose and working under the jurisdiction of the convention. Carried.

M. & S.: That we throw the floor open for discussion on question No. 3. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That the convention is empowered to suspend temporary officials from their offices and investigate such, place them on trial and if found guilty of violating the principles of the I. W. W., to expel them. Carried.

M. & S.: That we go on record as asking the convention, regardless of the merits or demerits of the controversy itself, to expel all individuals going into the capitalist courts who applied for the injunction, and all members who actively supported it. (Record vote called for.)

W. F. Lowe (Card No. 819307) yes, J. Ackerman (X197788) yes, J. B. Foster (X5792) yes, J. Black (739877) yes, R. Dickey (811259) yes, M. Philips (X125366) yes, W. C. Webber (737838) yes, G. Elsasser (251302) yes, G. Grief (807415) yes, M. Siegel (X159477) not voting, E. Smith (X144308) yes, W. F. Bates (816338) yes, S. Michna (825229) yes, R. Heath (X1180) yes, J. Kenny (226392) yes, H. Saunders (X39965) yes, C. Myers (X109240) yes, T. G. Austin (X9030) yes, F. Connaughton (X67568) yes. Visitor wants to concur: F. Tiffany, Card No. 10378.

M. & S.: That we demand of the delegatse to the 16th annual convention of the I. W. W. that there be no compromise verdict in regard to the controversy. Carried.

M. & S.: That the general convention decides that the general administration officials have not violated either the constitution or the principles of the I. W. W.; that they be immediately reinstated. Carried unanimously.

M. & S.: That the recording secretary typewrite these minutes tonight and that a copy be given to the chairman of the general convention in the morning. Carried unanimously.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned at 9:40.

(Seal) Chicago Branch Agricultural Workers' I. U.

Filed for future reference.

Minutes of Taft branch I. U. No. 230 read. Returned to Claude Erwin, as having no bearing on convention.

Letter from Roger Baldwin, Civil Liberties Union, read. Referred to temporary administration committee. No objection.

Adjourned for lunch, 12:30.

AFFTERNOON SESSION—TENTH DAY

All delegates present. Vote on motion of Murray-Hanson in re Il Proletario. Motion carried, 11 to 10.

Grievance No. 9 against John F. Leheney, read:

From 310 convention:

"We further recommend that John Leheney be barred from representing the I. W. W. and also be kept off the payroll of the organization.

"In 1922 Leheney stated to the general convention investigating committee that when working for the I. W. W. he considered them as any other employer and was there to get all he could out of them."—E. Swanson.

Committee reports that they cannot act on this grievance because of lack of evidence.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Oberman, 110): That we concur with the committee. Carried. Report of grievance committee accepted as progress. No objection.

Report of by laws and constitution committee, **Walquist chairman.**

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Schwandt, 330): That each delegate be furnished with a copy of amended articles to the constitution. Lost, 6 to 12.

Article I, section 1, read:

"This organization shall be known as the Industrial Workers of the World." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110): That we concur with the committee. Carried.

Article I, section 2 read.

"The Industrial Workers of the World shall be

composed of actual wage workers brought together in an organization embodying Industrial Departments, Industrial Unions and Industrial District Councils." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with committee on Article I, section 2. Carried, 17 to 1.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Erwin, 230): That we insert "General Union District Councils," instead of "Industrial District Council." Lost, 9 to 14.

Article I, section 3 (a) read:

"An Industrial Department shall be composed of Industrial Unions in closely kindred industries appropriate for representation in the departmental administration, and assigned thereto by the General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee; carried, 16 to 1.

Article I, section 3 (b) read:

"An Industrial Department shall consist of two or more Industrial Unions aggregating a membership of not less than 20,000 members. The Departments shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Industrial Unions composing same." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article I, section 3 (c), read:

"The Departments shall be designated as follows:

"1. Department of Agriculture, Land, Fisheries and Water Products.

"2. Department of Mining.

"3. Department of Construction.

"4. Department of Manufacturing and General Production.

"5. Department of Transportation and Communication.

"6. Department of Public Service." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Speed, 510): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 4 read:

"Industrial Unions shall be composed of actual wage workers in a given industry welded together as the particular requirements of said industry may render necessary." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 5 amended to read:

"Industrial District Councils may be organized for the purpose of promoting general solidarity in a given district and shall be composed of delegates representing the membership of various Industrial Unions within said district. Said councils shall be limited in scope to industrial centers and environs, which shall be determined by the membership of such industrial centers jointly. All action taken by Industrial District Council must be ratified by a majority vote (hand raising and recorded) of membership within district. The Industrial District Council shall meet as often as conditions in its locality necessitate." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 6 (Charters) amended as follows:

On application of thirty (30) or more members in good standing of any given industrial union regardless of their departmental affiliations, they shall be granted a charter and seal upon the payment of the required amount, which shall be $3. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried, 18 to 5.

Section 7. Councils shall have charge of all propaganda work such as taking charge of street and indoor meetings, and proceeds of same, the distribution of literature and papers within their jurisdiction and they shall also secure halls and meeting places for industrial union branches. They shall have charge of local defense work provided same does not conflict with the policy laid down by the general organization. They shall have no legislative authority over the affairs of any industrial union branch. Councils shall not act on resolutions or communications unless said matters have been duly acted upon by a quorum. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried, 18 to 1.

Section 8, suggested to be added:

Conflicting legislation: new section to be known as Section 8:

"No legislation conflicting with the constitution of the I. W. W. shall be passed by any subordinate body." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with recommendation of committee. Carried.

Article II, section 1 (a):

Stricken out as it is fully covered in Article I, section 2. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article II, section 1 (b), amended to read:

"No one shall be excluded from membership because of creed or color." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article II, section 1 (c) and (d): no change. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article II, Section 1 (e), amended to read:

"No member of the Industrial Workers of the World shall be an officer of a trade union or craft union." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Nelson, 310): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Rumbaugh, 330-Erwin, 230): That we include the words, "or political parties." Carried.

Article II, section 2 (a) and (b):

No change from present constitution. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-Rumbaugh, 330): That the words "or assessments" be stricken out of section 2 (b) in Article II. Lost.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 3:

To be stricken out as it refers to strictly I. U. matters. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article II, section 4:

"Not less than seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Rumbaugh, 330): That section 4 be amended to read, "Not less than 7 members, none of whom shall be on the payroll of the organization, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business." Amendment lost, 5 to 20.

Motion carried, 19 to 1.

Constitution and by-laws committee report accepted as progress.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Cole, 110): That tomorrow at 10 o'clock we go into session as investigation and trial committee as a whole.

Motion withdrawn.

Administration committee reports:

"We have just received information that Griffith has brought his books back to the General Headquarters.

Resolutions committee reports, Chairman Speed on floor.

Resolution No. 28, John Graham, I. U. No. 310. Tabled until question of Defense has been dealt with. Suggestions for General Administration read.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Nelson, 310): That these suggestions be turned over to the ways and means committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 85, from I. U. No. 330 convention and substitute, read.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with committee.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That we table this motion until after the investigation committee reports. Carried, 16 to 4.

Resolution No. 88, I. U. No. 330, read:

"That the G. E. B. select the director for the Educational Bureau, and that the secretary of the General Defense also be selected or appointed by the G. E. B."

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 93, I. U. No. 330, read:

Resolution no. 11:

"That no member of this organization use any other means to prefer charges against another member of this organization except through the proper channels as outlined in the General Constitution, and that when any members are found guilty of this offense, they shall stand expelled." Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Gray, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 133, I. U. 210-220, read:

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Oberman, 110): That this be tabled until we have dealt with the controversial matter. Carried.

Resolution No. 4 and substitute read:

Whereas, Owing to the formation of cliques in General Headquarters in the past few years, therefore,

"Be It Resolved, That no official holding office in General Headquarters be employed in General Headquarters after his term expires, until he is twelve months at the point of production."

Resolution No. 11:

"That a new clause be added to the constitution to read: 'All officials to be kept off the payroll of the I. W. W. for one year after they are out of office."

Substitute:

"That upon expiration of term of officials in General Office of the I. W. W. they shall hold no other office in Headquarters nor be employed by headquarters for one year. This shall not apply to field organizers, speakers or writers."

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Hanson, 110): That we do not concur with resolutions committee.

Amended (Oberman, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That the resolution be referred back for redrafting.

Amendment lost, 8 to 17. Motion carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Erwin, 230): That we concur with resolutions committee.

Substitute (Gray, 110-Mann, 110): No official of the General Administration after serving his final term of office, shall be employed by the General Administration for a period of one year, except in the capacity of speaker, field organizer or writer. Carried, 14 to 10.

Broman, Murray and Grad (all of 120) and Oates (210-220) opposed.

Resolution No. 138, read:

"That headquarters of each respective I. U. be separate and apart from General Headquarters, except those in the box."

Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Mattson, 210-220 voting no.

Resolution No. 128, 210-220, read. Ruled out of order.

Resolution No. 42, from I. U. 440, and substitute, read:

"We, the resolution committee, recommend to the

general convention of the I. W. W. that no Industrial Union be allowed a separate administration until they have more than two thousand members paying dues."

Substitute:

"We recommend that the General Office have direct supervision over all Industrial Unions with a membership of less than 1,000 dues paying members." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with substitute. Carried. Mann and Hanson (110); Broman (120) and Erwin (230) opposed.

Resolution No. 49. Ruled out of order.

Resolution No. 45 referred back to I. U. No. 440.

Resolution No. 47, read, as follows:

I. U. 440 resolution No. 9:

"Resolved, That this convention go on record to retain the original name of the Industrial Union as chartered by the I. W. W.: namely, Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 440 of the I. W. W." Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 48 read.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That resolution be referred back to 440.

Proceedings on above resolution halted here, because of time.

Reading of wire from Butte, Montana:

"P. J. Welinder, Emmet Memorial Hall, 2179 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.—210-220 demands withdrawal of injunction.—PAT MEE."

Adjourned 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—ELEVENTH DAY OCTOBER 24, 1924

Morning session called to order at 9 a. m. by P. J. Welinder, chairman. Roll call. All delegates except Mattson and temporary administration committee present.

Minutes of Chicago Branch I. U. No. 440, read:

Filed with no objection.

Minutes of Portland branch, I. U. 120, read:

Filed with no objection.

Press committee reports. Accepted with no objection.

Press committee resigns.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Cole, 110): That resignation of press committee be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Leonard, 310): That chairman, P. J. Welinder, look after press reports. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Leonard, 310): That we rescind the action taken on communication from Civil Liberties Union, New York City, in regard to creating bail fund in California. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That the convention goes on record as being opposed to guaranteeing any bail. Carried.

Constitution committee reports on its progress. Report accepted as progress. No objection.

Resolutions Committee Reports

Substitute for Resolution No. 48 (laid over from yesterday), read as follows:

"That all industrial unions with headquarters in Chicago shall have their printing done by the Equity Printing Co."

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That we do not concur with committee. Lost.

Mattson arrived at 9:50.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried, 18 to 3. Grad, (120), against.

Resolution No. 123 read.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Nelson, 310): That Ed. Delaney be given special privilege to speak on resolution No. 123. Carried.

Chair rules that this resolution be brought up under controversy.

Resolution No. 159, read as follows:

"This convention must adopt and institute a budget system."

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Erwin, 230): That we do not concur. Carried.

Resolution No. 57, I. U. No. 510, read:

"Whereas, The different I. U. bulletins and other papers are read by members and non-members alike, and

"Whereas, Matters of a controversial nature have often been printed in these papers lately, and

"Whereas, We have the monthly General Office Bulletin for that purpose, and

"Whereas, The last general convention has made a ruling on same, therefore

"Be It Resolved, That we, the members of the I. U. 510 go on record to have our officials strictly enforce same."—**Resolutions Committee I. U. 510** T. McGill, X23721; Geo. Speed, 241670; August Walquist, 88799.

Committee concurs:

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Walquist, 510): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 62, I. U. No. 510, read:

"Whereas, The Industrial Workers of the World, being a labor organization whose basic ideal is the emancipation of Labor from wage-slavery, which makes for poverty, crime, and all the appalling evils overwhelming humanity, therefore

"Be It Resolved, That it is the first duty of all delegates to use their best effort to prevent a schism in the I. W. W. and work for the unification of all integral parts of the I. W. W., the One Big Union."—**Resolutions Committee I. U. No. 510:** T. McGill, X23721, Geo Speed, 241670; August Walquist, 88,799.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 63, I. U. No. 510, read.

"Resolved, That the general convention of the I. W. W. shall not remain in session over ten days

and that prior to the convention the G. E. B. shall issue an agenda to the delegates to the general convention specifying the time limit on each question. That all resolutions be in the hands of the G. E. B. 10 days before opening of convention."—**Resolutions Comm., I. U. 510:** T. McGill, X23721; Geo. Speed, 241670; August Walquist, 88799.

Committee concurs and refers to constitution and by-law committee.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with the committee. Carried, 20 to 1.

Resolutions committee concludes report. Accepted as progress, no objection.

Report of James Morris, suspended Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, presented herewith.

October 13, 1924.

To the Delegates to the 16th Convention of the I. W. W., Emmet Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill.

"Fellow Workers:

"In response to the request of the delegates of this convention I now submit this as my report as Assistant Secretary of the I. W. W.

"On March 1st I was notified by Sam Forbes that I was duly elected Assistant Secretary of the I. W. W. I did not receive the highest vote for this office but owing to the refusal of those who received a greater number of votes for this office to take the job, I was automatically elected.

"Upon arriving in Chicago I took part in an informal board meeting, the board members present being Adolph Vangsness (120), Joe O'Neill (310), Arthur Linn (110), Joe Fisher, General Organizer and Tom Doyle, General Secretary Treasurer.

The board discussed the activities of finks in Arizona and their expulsion from the I. W. W. No agreement could be arrived at concerning the publication of the data on this matter and it was left over until the board met in regular session. The full board met on or about the 4th of March, with board members from 310, 120, 110, 230 and the General Organizer. During the ensuing week I recorded the minutes of the board sessions. About the 10th of March I was requested by the General Secretary-Treasurer to take charge of the business end of Solidarity temporarily as the business manager had decided to quit. This I did and held that job down for about a week, when Harry Feinberg resigned as secretary of the Defense Committee.

"I was then informed by the General Secretary-Treasurer that I had been elected secretary of the General Defense Committee, to take office immediately. That was about March 20th and I have held down that job ever since.

"I may say that I continued to sign all General Office checks in accordance with the general constitution but apart from that I did not function as Assistant Secretary of the I. W. W.

Trusting this is satisfactory, I am,—**Jas. Morris.**"

Morris was questioned at length.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Oberman, 110): That report of Fellow Worker Morris be accepted.

Amended (Erwin, 239-Leonard, 310): That report of Morris take the same course as reports from other suspended officials. Carried, 12 to 5.

Telegram from Sam Kapon, read as follows:

Ely, Minn., October 26, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, 1001 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

"Cannot appear at convention account funds wire satisfaction immediately."—**Sam Kapon.**

Filed, with no objection.

Minutes of yesterday's session read by E. Rumbaugh, reading clerk.

M. & S. (Matteson, 201-220-Mann, 110): That minutes be accepted, subject to final reading. Carried.

Resolution from Ed. Delaney presented, as follows:

"Whereas, It has been brought to our attention that certain telegrams, bulletins, letters and other printed matter have been circulated throughout the United States bearing the seal of the Industrial Workers of the World, and the names of the General Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, General Organizer and General Executive Board members, and

"Whereas, Said telegrams, bulletins, letters and printed matter carried insinuations and statements that were contrary to the principles of the I. W. W., in that the I. W. W. does not now and never has sponsored or tolerated anything or anyone that has any connection with gangsters, gunmen, hijacks and does not tolerate any action, statement or inference that would cause anyone to regard us as a body that uses, aids or abets the practice of violence or destruction of property, in any form, therefore

"Be It Resolved, That we, the duly elected delegates of the Industrial Workers of the World, in convention assembled at Chicago, Ill., on this 24th day of October, in the year 1924 A. D. do hereby officially go on record as condemning any and all telegrams, bulletins, letters or printed matter which bear the name of the Industrial Workers of the World, or the names of any member or official of said organization which in any way infer that the General Administration of the I. W. W. or the General Executive Board of the I. W. W. or any member or members of the I. W. W. are gunmen, hi-jacks or gangsters or in any way tolerate any action that would lead one to make such statements or that any of the above named practice, teach, aid or abet violence or the destruction of property, and further

"Be It Resolved, That we cause all parties responsible for such statements or insinuations, who are members or officials of the I. W. W. to be brought before this body for trial and that proper punishment be meted out to those who have been tried and found to have violated said principles of the Industrial Workers of the World."

Adopted by delegates to the 16th annual convention of the I. W. W. on the 24th day of October, 1924.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Speed, 510): That we adopt this resolution. Carried unanimously. All voting.

New Business

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Schwandt, 330): That final reading of the minutes be left in the hands of committee of three to be elected from this body. Carried 19 to 2.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Cole, 110): That we take the controversy on the floor Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Swanson, 310): That we table last motion until tomorrow morning. Carried.

Ways and Means Committee reports.

Ways and means committee Resolution No. 10, read as follows:

"Resolved, That the members at this convention instruct the secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. to have good composition cards made in the future, or as soon as the old ones are used up."

Committee changed resolution to read "composition," in place of "leather." Concurred with corrected resolution. Majority and minority report. Majority report concurs with Resolution No. 10 as amended. Oberman and Grad concur with majority report, but want gold seal and lettering on cover.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Walquist, 510): That we concur with majority report. Carried, 14 to 5.

Resolution No. 20, submitted by I. U. No. 230 as No. 102. Also Resolution No. 120 from California Defense, covered by substitute by ways and means committee:

Resolution No. 20:

"Resolved, That we favor the abolition of the General Defense Committee and that the work of this committee, in the future, be carried on under supervision of the General Secretary-Treasurer and the G. E. B.

"Resolved, That wherever it becomes necessary, local branches may organize and conduct a temporary defense committee as long as local conditions warrant."

Resolution No. 120:

"Realizing that there will be a great deal of discussion arising on the floor of this convention over the defense offices and the General Defense Committee, I am offering the following recommendation as a solution for defense and all of its attendant evils.

"First, I would recommend that the General Defense Committee, as it is now made up: i. e., of the secretary-treasurers and G. O. C. members of all I. U.s, be abolished, and that the office of general defense secretary be also abolished, the secretary-treasurer or chairman of the General Executive Board to act in his place. I base this argument on the ground that I believe if the following plan is put into effect that the need for defense will be greatly reduced, that is, when one considers the present plan and the need for same.

"Secondly, on the abolition of the above named office, something must be set in motion to take its place. For that I would recommend that a series of offices, say three or four be opened in as many different places in the United States. These offices to be known as educational or publicity offices, their function to be the same as the function of the San Francisco office of the California Branch of the General Defense Committee. Primarily to study the attending economic conditions and the industries as a whole in their locality. After a careful study of these to write publicity and cause it to be circulated among the workers of their respective localities. And in the case of arrests of members in their locality to act as a defense organization.

"If this plan is carried into effect it is my contention that we will have inaugurated a real educational bureau that can get information first hand, instead of the present manner and plan of an educational bureau where we are putting out leaflets and matter that is intended to educate but in reality cannot fulfill its purpose because of the fact that economic conditions throughout the country are not the same.

"We not only will have built up a real educational bureau but through it we will be eliminating on a great scale much of the expense that we now have for legal purposes. I contend that the manner in which the California Defense Office have carried on their program and its attendant results are enough to prove that if sufficient publicity is given to the real aims, objects and methods of the I. W. W. we will find it a great deal easier, when we are hailed into the masters' courts on charges that would connect the organization with unlawfulness, to clear the organization.

"Space will not permit going into detail with this plan, but if the report of this office has been considered, you will agree that it is worthy of consideration."

Substitute:

"That the General Defense Committee be abolished.

"All defense work to be handled by local committees at local offices established as the need and locality may require.

"All moneys collected through the sale of Defense stamps to be remitted to the General Secretary-Treasurer and he to advance funds to local defense offices.

"All Defense committees or offices to be of a temporary nature and disband immediately when the persecution in their locality ceases.

"The General Secretary-Treasurer's office to keep a complete record of all class war prisoners and provide them with regular prison relief. Also keep a complete file of all cases handled and the final disposition of such cases." Lost.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Fisher, 110): That we do not concur with committee.

Amended (Murray, 120-Henrikson, 330): That we accept Resolution No. 120 from California Defense.

Adjourned for lunch, 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—ELEVENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order. All delegates present.

Henrikson, with consent of maker of motion, Murray, withdraws amendment.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That the G. E. B. should appoint or elect a secretary-treasurer of the General Defense Committee, who shall have full charge of Defense work, and shall sign all checks together with the secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. who shall act as trustee over Defense money. The G. E. B. shall have full power to remove him from office any time they see fit.

Amended (Broman, 120-Grad, 120): That the Defense be abolished, and the membership in the various localities or I. U.s be allowed to establish their own defense.

Amendment declared out of order.

Chair rules each speaker shall have floor but once, in accordance with rule No. 5. Fisher requests floor second time, by request. Chair refuses on ground that he should have asked for extended time while he had the floor, instead of after so much discussion. Chair sustained, 16 to 1.

Motion carried, 17 to 5.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That the General Defense Committee be abolished in its present form, and substitute in its place the following: "The G. E. B. shall appoint or elect one man who shall be known as secretary-treasurer of the Defense Committee, and have full charge of all defense work, and sign all checks for the Defense, together with the Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W., who shall act as trustee over the Defense funds. The G. E. B. shall have full power to remove him from office any time the majority of them see fit."

Amended (Rumbaugh, 330-Schwandt, 330): That we adopt clause 1 of Resolution No. 20.

Gray refused permission to speak on amendment. Appeals decision of chair. Chair sustained, 18 to 2.

Amendment carried, 12 to 11; (120) Broman, Murray, Grad; (210-220) Mattson, Oates; (230) Erwin; (310) Leonard, Swanson, Nelson; (110) Mann, Obermann, all voting no.

Resolution No. 7 presented, from I. U. No. 330.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Broman, 120): That this motion be tabled until the constitution and by-law committee bring in their report on finance, and ways and means committee on how we are to raise funds to move. Carried, Gray voting no.

Administration committee reports, Broman on floor:

"In regard to the hearing on the injunction before the master in chancery this morning. When we arrived the lawyer told us the master in chancery was not in the office, and the stenographer told us he was over in South Chicago fighting some case. I remember his mentioning that fact the other day, but he said he would try and get released on that case so that we could have the hearing this morning. I suppose he was unable to be released. We don't know just when it will come up again. He will notify us. That is, the lawyer will notify us.

"Now I have a statement from ths so-called G. E. B. With your permission I will read it here, and recommend that this convention send an answer to the general membership in regard to the points raised in this communication. I would suggest that the press committee be empowered to draw up a reply to points raised and present it to this body, to be sent to the general membership."

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That report of temporary Administration Committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Fisher, 110): That reply be given to this leaflet, and submitted to this body. Carried.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That the resignation of P. J. Welinder from the Ways and Means Committee be accepted. Carried.

Cole elected on Ways and Means Committee; elected by acclamation.

Nelson resigns from Auditing Committee.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Cole, 110): That resignation of F. W. Nelson from the Auditing Committee be accepted. Carried.

F. W. Chas. Anderson elected on Auditing Committee by acclamation.

Delaney brings matter of contested check for sum of $240.00 to attention of convention.

Check was sent about the time the injunction was placed on Defense funds, and was returned, as no funds were released from bank since injunction was instituted.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Mattson, 210-220): That this convention instruct temporary Administration Committee to pay this check when they secure the funds. Carried.

Hanson, chairman Ways and Means Committee, presents resolution No. 121, as follows:

Resolution No. 2, California Defense.

A defense news bulletin to be published twice monthly, to contain all defense news and appeals. This bulletin to be about the size of either the 120 or 310 bulletins of the present time and to be sent out free of charge.

The information it will contain shall be sent in from the field to the general secretary-treasurer or whoever shall be at the head of future defense or publicity offices, who in turn shall edit same.

All news of controversial nature to be kept out of its columns, whether it emanates from prison or from the field.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Erwin, 230): That we concur with Ways and Means Committee. Carried, 19—1.

Gray voting no.

Resolution No. 1, Ways and Means Committee, read as follows:

We, the Ways and Means Committee, recommend that, in order to relieve the strain resting upon all our papers and publications, (this includes all

our foreign-language publications), as well as upon General Headquarters, all Industrial Unions, branches and G. I. U. D. Councils be called upon to immediately pay their debts to our publications and General Headquarters, or if unable to pay in full, make a substantial payment. Remittances to be sent to the General Secretary-Treasurer until further notice.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Sanjour, 330): That we concur with resolution from the Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 2, Ways and Means Committee, read as follows:

We recommend that the manager of the Equity printing plant be instructed to extend further credit to the Spanish paper Solidaridad so as to assure its continuous circulation.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Gray, 110): That we concur with resolution No. 2. Carried.

Report of Ways and Means Committee accepted as progress, with no objection. Carried.

Resolutions Committee reports nothing further to report today.

Constitution and By-laws Committee reports nothing to report.

Grievance Committee reports nothing to report.

Auditing Committee, Erwin on floor, states as follows:

"We met last night, with one delegate absent on other duties. Claude Erwin, I. U. No. 230, was elected Chairman. We started to audit the 230 books but found it would be a long and almost impossible task, unless we had the secretary there to produce vouchers and report sheets. We find there has been no audit since October, 1923. We have decided to lay this over for a day or two, to see if the secretary would show up. The general secretary-treasurer pro tempore told us that he would have the General Defense books and Griffith's books ready tonight, so this evening we will begin on them."

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—TWELFTH DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1924.

Session called to order by P. J. Welinder, Chairman.

All delegates present except Fred Fisher, Joe Jordan, Chas. Gray, (excused for committee duty); also A. Walquist, (excused for committee duty).

Minutes of yesterday's session read. Accepted as read, subject to final reading.

Press Committee's report read and accepted.

Telegrams from Norfolk, Va., read, as follows:

"THE NORFOLK BRANCH OF THE M. T. W. I. U. 510 OF THE I. W. W. GOES ON RECORD AS VOTING YES ON ALL THREE QUESTIONS AND THAT THE DELEGATES OF THE CONVENTION BE GIVEN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. (SIGNED) HENRY THORSEN."

Telegram from Bridgeport, Conn., read as follows:

"ANSWER TO THE SPECIAL STATEMENT, SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION, BY THE BRIDGEPORT BRANCH, I. U. 440:—Q. 1—YES; Q. 2—YES; Q. 3—YES. (SIGNED) JOE. G. ECHEVARRIA, BRANCH SECRETARY."

Telegram from Denver, Colorado, read as follows:

"GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RECOGNIZES GENERAL CONVENTION AS CONSTITUTIONAL.—ALSO EXTEND THEIR SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO THREE QUESTIONS PUBLISHED IN SOLIDARITY MINUTES FOLLOWING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PER G. N. GROSS, CHAIRMAN."

Telegram from Manhattan, N. Y. Branch, read as follows:

"MANHATTAN BRANCH OF I. U. 510 ENDORSES CONVENTION AND THREE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED LETTER AND MINUTES FOLLOW. (SIGNED) E. BERGLUND."

The above telegrams all filed for future reference, with no objection.

Telegram from Mamie Sandstrom, Business Manager of Industrial Worker, to I. U. No. 120 convention read.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Erwin, 230): That the telegram be turned over to the Grievance Committee. Carried.

Statement by P. J. Welinder, read.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Erwin, 230): That we do not accept the statement drawn up by Chairman P. J. Welinder. Carried.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Cole, 110): That we take the controversy up Monday morning. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Leonard, 310): That we wire Sam Kapon that if he is willing to come to Chicago and appear before convention, we will send him transportation. 14 for, 5 against. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Swanson, 310): That no delegate who has charges preferred against anyone or charges against him on the controversy shall have a vote on the final disposition of same.

Joe Jordan arrived at 10:10 a. m.

Motion carried. Rumbaugh not voting, as motion is not clear to him.

Ways and Means Committee reports. Chairman Hanson on floor.

First report taken up was request from the editor of Il Proletario transmitted through I. U. 510 convention for Spanish speaker and organizer. Majority and minority report.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Mann, 110): That we concur with majority report. (Which was to concur with report). Minority stated it was strictly 210-220 affair.

Chair rules motion out of order, on ground that matter submitted is an industrial union affair.

Walquist arrived at 10:12.

Ways and Means Committee's resolution No. 157 presented.

Resolution No. 157:

"The general administration is in receipt of applications for administration charters from Stettin, Germany, also from Czecho-Slovakia and an application for a branch charter from Melbourne, Australia. Would suggest that the convention take up question of issuing these charters. Committee recommends that this matter be referred to 510 for action, pending international conference on organization of the marine transport industry.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Report of Albert Anz, manager of Equity Printing Co., embodying suggestions, read. Committee refers this to general administration, to put it into effect, if practical.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Rumbaugh, 330): That we concur with Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 154, Ways and Means Committee, presented.

This consists of recommendation for new style of transfer and title page in due books. Two reports. Majority for new style, Minority for old.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Swanson, 310): That we concur with minority report. Carried, 15—4.

International affiliations taken up by committee; communications from Czecho-Slovakia requesting organizer and charter, read. Committee recommends that an organizer be sent there as soon as possible, and charter issued if conditions warrant.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with recommendation of committee. Carried, 17—6.

Jordan, Mann, Gray, 110, voting No. Leonard, 310, No. Mattson, 210-220, No.

Resolution No. 22, from Ways and Means Committee, presented as follows:

That we advertise in the press for orders for the verbatim reports, and sell them at $1.50 per copy. Cash to accompany orders.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried, 15—1.

This concluded report of Ways and Means Committee for the day, and was accepted as progress, with no objection.

Resolutions Committee reports, Chairman Speed on floor.

Resolution No. 167 presented, as follows:

Committee concurs.

"Res. No. 9, San Pedro. Be it resolved, that we go on record that I. U. 130 be combined with I. U. 510, but retaining its individuality. That is that hereafter the two be known as I. U. 510-130, and the members of I. U. 510 in the elections of the officers of the combined I. U.s.

"Explanation: We feel that this move is quite necessary for the building up of I. U. 130, and as there is an immense amount of men engaged in the fishing industry, it will be of great aid in organizing them. At the present time there are a number of workers regularly engaged in the fishing industry in Alaska and Mexico, who will not line up in the I. W. W. for the reason that there are not enough to make an adequate start to open up halls, etc., and get a real I. U. going, and there are others who are carrying red cards, but who are in I. U. 510, who refuse to transfer as by doing so they would have practically no voice in I. W. W. affairs. By combining them it would open up the fields of Alaska, Southern California, the Gulf of Mexico and the Grand Banks of Newfoundland to a real organization of the fishermen. The fisheries of Alaska and Mexico, particularly, are ripe for organization and I. U. 510 being closest to them, can do this. By this I. U. remaining in the box, it will be a dead field for the I. W. W. In San Pedro alone, the fishermen a year ago were well organized, but since the only thing they could do was to pay four bits a month for it, they dropped off again, until there are now only a couple of dozen left. By combining the two we could build up a real semblance of organization among the fishermen, and when that is accomplished they could set up their own administration.

"Resolutions Committee concurs providing that I. U. 130 through a vote of its own membership may become a separate and distinct Industrial Union at any time.

"M. & S. (Olson-Hanson): That we concur with report of committee on Res. No. 9, San Pedro, as re-drafted. Carried unanimously."

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Walquist, 510): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 166, presented as follows:

"Be It Resolved, That we go on record for the General Convention to make a ruling that the point of production means the field of industry of which he is a member."

Committee concurs.

Chair rules that this resolution is already covered by the Constitution.

Report of resolutions committee accepted as progress, with no objection.

Constitution and By-laws Committee reports it has nothing to report at this time. Accepted as progress, with no objection.

Grievance Committee reports.

Complaint No. 1, read as follows: (From 510).

"Your grievance committee being in possession of only 42 of 725 contested ballots, and not having time for a thorough investigation of same, as the ballots must be submitted to the General Convention, recommend and demand that the General Convention make a thorough investigation of said ballots, and prefer charges against members implicated, should evidence warrant. We further recommend that members be tried by a branch of their own selection, thus insuring them a fair and impartial trial, and little or no expense in traveling."

Grievance Committee states:

"The Grievance Committee is not in possession of the ballots in question, and therefore not able to do any investigating on account of having to travel to New York. We therefore recommend that the ballots in question all be returned to I. U. No. 510 M. O., with instructions to investigate by committee elected by No. 510 branches if in their opinion it is necessary to do so for the good of the organization."

Fred Mann, Chairman.

Majority concurs.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Grad, 120): That we do not concur with the majority report.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Hanson, 110): That floor be granted F. W. Oscar Eckhard of I. U. No. 510, one of the delegates whose name appeared on the so-called fraudulent ballots, so that he may explain. Carried.

Record vote called for on motion. Result as follows:

(110)—Mann, no; Fisher, absent; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, no; Cole, no; (120)—Welinder, no; Broman, yes; Grad, yes; Murray, no; (210-220)—Mattson, no; Oates, not voting; (230)—Erwin, yes; (310)—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; (330)—Henrikson, no; Rumbaugh, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; (440)—Thompson, no; Chuba, yes; (510)—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; (S. I. U.) R. Rumbaugh, yes. 13 for, 12 against.

Adjourned at 12:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION—TWELFTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. All delegates present except Mann.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Thompson, 440): That F. W. E. Rumbaugh be called upon to prove his assertions that he made this morning in regards to the ballots having been tampered with since the ballot committee made its report. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Nelson, 310): That F. W. E. Rumbaugh be called upon to submit his proof by Tuesday, 9 a. m. Carried, 12—7.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Hanson, 110): That we send wire to New York City to return the ballots that have been sent to him to this convention immediately.

Mann arrived at 2:20 p. m.

Motion carried.

Grievance Committee reports on grievance of Solidaridad against I. U. No. 440 for not paying their bills, and recommends:

That I. U. No. 440 be instructed to pay the Spanish-language paper, Solidaridad, the sum of $69.94, caused by M. Raddock's neglect of duty as secretary of I. U. No. 440, and that this recommendation be sent to the main office of the above named industrial union.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with the committee. Carried.

Report of Grievance Committee accepted as progress.

Auditing Committee reports via Claude Erwin, Chairman, on books of J. A. Griffith.

We, the auditing committee, found receipts to cover all expenditures, but are contesting the attached receipts on the ground that they are personal receipts and have no vouchers for same. No duplicate receipts were shown for receipts received.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330 - Schwandt, 330): That we accept report of Auditing Committee as progress, and discussion be laid over until we have J. A. Griffith on the floor. Carried.

Auditing Committee on March and April of 1924, follows:

We, the auditing committee, audited the books of the General Defense for the months of March and April. We found the figures correct, but could find no vouchers or cancelled checks for four items during March. These items were all payments to lawyers for legal services. Secretary Morris says he thinks the receipts are in another package, and will try to locate them. We find a negligence in failure to get the postoffice stamp on receipts for stamps and stamped envelopes. We do not contest these receipts, but all postoffice receipts should bear the stamp of the postmaster.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That report of Auditing Committee as to Defense books be accepted as progress, and that discussion be laid over until F. W. Morris and Feinberg are here on the floor. Carried.

Auditing Committee's report accepted as progress; no objection.

M. & S. That in the future everyone handling finances, when purchasing postage stamps, get the postoffice officials to stamp receipts. Carried.

Telegram from Natron Cutoff, Wash., read as follows:

"FOUR MEETINGS 310 JOBS NATRON CUTOFF DEMAND IF BUCHWALD AND RYAN REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE CONVENTION, GENERAL CONVENTION ELECT TWO OF 310 CONVENTION DELEGATES TO TAKE OVER THEIR OFFICES. (SIGNED) CHRIS CHRISTIANSON.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Fisher, 110): That we instruct the in-coming administration to devise ways and means for calling a conference of representatives of all foreign administrations of the I. W. W. Carried.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Leonard, 310): That all ballots in the future be marked with pen and ink, or with indelible pencil. Same to be stated on ballot. Carried.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Leonard, 310): That Rules Committee be instructed to draw up rules governing the hearing of the controversy here next Monday. Carried.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Leonard, 310): That we take recess of 30 minutes. Carried.

Rules Committee reports, and rules are acted upon, seriatim.

Rule No. 1.

No one but delegates allowed to question any one called on floor during investigation.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Grad, 120): That we accept rule No. 1.

Amend. (Gray, 110-Hanson, 110): That all parties who are here to be questioned on this investigation shall have the privilege of asking questions.

Amendment lost, 8 for, 14 against. Motion carried, 15 to 7.

Rule No 2 read as follows:

Rule No. 2.

Each man called on floor to be allowed 30 minutes, on opening talk, and 10 minutes on closing after all questions of delegates have been answered.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with rule No. 2. Carried.

Rule No. 3 read as follows:

Rule No. 3.

Each delegate in turn shall be allowed to question those called on floor.

The chairman shall call no delegate's name more than twice for each man called on the floor. When delegate waives he shall lose that turn of questioning.

M. & S. (Speed, 110-Chuba, 440): That we amend rule No. 3 to read: "Limit of questioning any one shall not exceed 10 minutes." Lost.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Nelson, 310): That we adopt rule No. 3 as it stands. Carried.

Rule No. 4 read as follows:

Rule No. 4.

All decisions to be withheld until the entire investigation is completed.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Leonard, 310): That we adopt rule No. 4. Carried.

Rule No. 5 read as follows:

Rule No. 5.

All previous rules adopted by this convention, not conflicting with these rules, shall stand as adopted.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with rule No. 5. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Fisher, 110): That if James Rowan, P. D. Ryan, Fred Bowerman, Harry Trotter and Griffith do not appear at this convention Monday morning to stand investigation, that Tom Doyle, Joe Fisher and James Morris be vindicated for all their actions.

Chair rules motion out of order. Jordan takes appeal from chair. Chair is sustained, 15—2.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Gray, 110): That if Rowan, Ryan, Griffith, Bowerman and Trotter who constitute one side of this controversy, do not appear Monday morning, the convention consider there is no controversy, and waive hearing on the entire matter.

Chair rules motion out of order. Gray appeals ruling of chair. Chair sustained, 15—6.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Swanson, 310): That none of those accused be allowed in the room during the questioning. Lost.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Gray, 110): That no one be allowed to take the floor unless he first signs a statement that he recognizes this as a legal and constitutional convention. Lost.

Gray, of general administration committee, announces that we go to bat on the injunction at 2:00 p. m. Monday, October 27th.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—THIRTEENTH DAY OCTOBER 27, 1924

Session called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Gray (excused for committee duty) and Fred Fisher and A. Walquist. Walquist arrived at 9:30. Minutes of yesterday's session read.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we accept minutes as corrected, subject to final reading. Carried.

Reading of telegrams followed. First, as follows:

Superior, Wyoming, Oct. 27, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, c/o E. J. Fahey, 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.—"We pledge full recognition and support to committee in session. Letter follows."—(Signed) Robert Barcley.

Bozeman, Mont., Oct. 26.

Chairman of General Convention.—"Twenty members special meeting in good standing favor recognizing general convention as bona fide yes to three questions in reply to Solidarity Oct. 22 regarding official statement from sixteenth constitutional convention."—(Signed) R. Smith Chairman; Frank Belina, Stat. Del., Card X72271, Recording Secretary.

Seattle, Washington, October 26, 1924.

Chairman of General Convention.—"Seattle branch of one twenty concurs to all questions subject to referendum also instructs our delegate to contest all delegates not eligible according to constitution."—(Signed) Tom Murphy.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 26, 1924.

Chairman General Convention.—"Minneapolis br. industrial union one ten votes unanimously to support general convention three questions asked in official communication answered affirmatively."—(Signed) Carl Keller.

Sioux City, Iowa, October 25, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman, Emmet Memorial Hall.—"To the convention the three questions in statement from your body published in Industrial Solidarity of twenty-second has been unanimously accepted in the affirmative by a special one ten business meeting here today. Minutes following."—(Signed) W. F. Powell Chairman; James Dwyer Recording Secretary.

Williston, N. Dak., October 25, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman 16th convention, 2 S. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.—"Motion carried calling convention legal. Minutes follow."—(Signed) Geo. Brehm.

Sacramento, Calif., October 26, 1924.

Chairman General Convention.—"Following motion carried at one ten meeting that we recognize delegates now in session in Chicago as constitutional convention and grant them the right to exercise their power to carry out the three points mentioned in Soidarity October 22. Request made that minutes of convention be speedily circulated."—(Signed) Jack O'Dell.

Portland, Ore., October 26, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, 1001 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.—"This branch one twenty consider your convention now in session a bona fide convention of the I. W. W. We approve of action taken regarding controversy and we approve action taken regarding temporary suspension of the general officers. Minutes follow."—(Signed) O. Hendricks.

Sudbury, Ont., October 27, 1924.

Chairman of General Convention.—"That we Sudbury Br. of I. U. 120 do recognize 16th general constitutional convention now in session on condition that all members having taken part in controversy on opposing sides shall submit themselves for investigation by convention be unseated and that acting rec. sec'y for the convention be suspended until proven not guilty of participating in present controversy. We further request that general referendum by entire membership will finally prove or disprove the action of the convention regarding controversy. Carried unanimously."—(Signed) Nick Vieta.

Cranbrook, B. C., October 26, 1924.

Chairman General Convention.—"Fellow wokers we the undersigned committee elected at the branch meeting of Cranbrook October 26, 1924 to answer questions of convention minutes sent out by Welinder Chairman, McCarthy recording secretary: Number one we do not consider your convention bona fide as over one-third of the delegates have taken part in the bulletins. Number two: We do not approve of your action in regards to five twenty and four forty by putting these two industrial unions in the box. In regard to Number three: There can be no fair impartial verdict given by you delegates at that convention on either side as the cause is outlined in number one and we instruct the one twenty delegates to withdraw from taking any part in said convention and hold a meeting and send out for the alternates of all general executive board members to come to Chicago and take the place of the present officials now in office and them to elect a chairman of the general executive board also a general secretary treasurer and them to be the administrative body of the I. W. W. until such time as there can be a special convention of delegates who will act fair on either side of the controversy. This was carried unanimously."—(Signed) Committee: Stewart Giberson, Larry Powers, George Berwick.

Reading of minutes of special meeting of Norfolk Branch M. T. W. I. U. No. 510, as follows:

Special meeting called to order by branch secretary Norfolk Branch M. T. W. I. U. 510, October 24, 1924, at 6 p. m.

Chairman, P. Hjort; conductor, H. Rahm, recording secretary H. Larsen.

M. & S.: That conductor's report of 8 members in good standing be accepted. Carried.

M. & S.: That the floor be thrown open for discussion. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That this branch goes on record as voting yes on all three questions, and that the delegates of the convention be given a vote of confidence. Carried.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned at 7:45 with 8 members in good standing at close.

Yours for the I. W. W. and Cal. Boycott,—
Henry Thorsen, Branch Secretary pro tem.

P. O. Chairman of General Convention,
1001 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Worker:

I sent a night letter to you immediately after the adjournment regarding the action taken by this branch. Hoping you received it without any undue delay, I remain yours for the I. W. W.—

Reading of minutes of General Membership meeting, Denver Colo.:

General membership meeting called to order by Bernice Ellis stationary delegate pro tem., Oct. 24, at 8 p. m.

Nominations open for chairman: F W. Gross, Tabib and Wilson, nominated.

M. & S., That nominations be closed. Carried. Tabib and Wilson decline.

M. & S. That F. W. Gross be elected by acclamation. Carried. Card conductor reports 15 members in good standing present.

M. & S. Conductor's report be accepted. Carried.

Nominations open for recording secretary: F. W. Wilson, McGuire, and Fitzgerald.

M. & S., That nominations be closed. Carried. F. W. Wilson elected recording secretary.

New Business

M. & S., That floor be opened for discussion in regards to convention. Carried.

M. & S., That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S., That we send a telegram to the delegates at the convention, extending our support and cooperation. Carried.

F. W. Fitzgerald calls for a record vote.

Yes: Crossman, McGuire, Heller, Brown, J. A. Van Dilman, Dodd, Severson, Nelson, Fitzgerald, Wilson and Carlton. Voting No: Tabib.

M. & S., That we answer the three questions asked in Solidarity in the affirmative. Carried.

M. & S., That these minutes be typewritten and a copy sent to Secretary-Treasurer and E. V. Wallis. Carried.

M. & S., That we adjourn. Carried.

G. N. Gross, No. 100407, I. U. 310, Chairman.
Frank Wilson, No. 58764 I. U. 310, Rec. Sec'y.

Reading of minutes of Detroit Finnish I. W. W. members, special meeting as follows:

Minutes of Detroit Finnish I. W. W. Members' Special Meeting, Held at Finnish Marxian Club Hall, 1423 Farnsworth Avenue

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 24, 1924.

Meeting called to order by Robert Lahti, I. U. 440 branch secretary.

Fellow Worker Chas. Lindstrom (245958) elected to act as chairman and Titus Kataja (299562) as recording secretary.

Conductor Nestor Puhakka, (201475), reported 18 members present, all in good standing.

M. & S. That we accept conductor's report. Carried.

M. & S. That floor be opened for discussion on the Official statement sent by the Sixteenth General Constitutional Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World. Carried.

M. & S. That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. That we answer the three questions asked by the Sixteenth Convention. Carried.

Question No. 1:—Do you consider this convention a bona fide convention of the I. W. W., and the delegates in this convention empowered to deal with any and all questions that may come before this convention?

M. & S. That we recognize this convention as a bona fide convention of the I. W. W., and that the delegates in this convention are empowered to deal and act with any and all questions that may come before them. Carried.

Question No. 2:—Do you approve of the action taken in regards to the controversy and accept the convention as the administrator of our organization affairs through the temporary administration elected for this purpose and working under the jurisdictions of this convention?

M. & S. That we approve of the action of the convention in regards to the controversy and also convention action in placing our organization affairs in the hands of a temporary administration, which is working under the jurisdiction of the convention. Carried.

Question No. 3:—Is this convention empowered to suspend, temporarily, officials from their offices, and investigate such officials, place them on trial and render a verdict in their case?

M. & S. That we consider this convention empowered to carry out all such things as mentioned in Question No. 3, and others it may deem necessary. Carried.

M. & S. That we take a copy of the minutes of this meeting and send same to Chairman of the 16th convention. Carried.

M. & S. That we mention in the minutes in what industrial unions belong those members who were present in the meeting. Carried.

There were 13 I. U. 440 members; 2 I. U. 330 members; 1 I. U. 450 member; 1 I. U. 460 member; 1 I. U. 120 member.

M. & S. That we adjourn. Carried.

Charles L. Lindstrom, Chairman.
Titus Kataja, Recording Secretary.

Reading of Minutes of special meeting of Manhattan Branch M. T. W. I. U. 510, as follows:

Minutes of Special Meeting of Manhattan Branch, M. T. W. I. U. 510, I. W. W.

Meeting called to order by the branch secretary at 7:30 p. m., October 24, 1924.

T. E. Johnson elected Chairman.

T. Flynn elected Recording Secretary.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Chuba, 440): That all offi-

Twenty-five members present, all in good standing.

Communication from General Convention read.

M. & S. (Boorus-X16958): That floor be thrown open for discussion. Carried.

M. & S. (Murphy-Hansen): That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. (Brazier-Petterson): That Manhattan branch go on record as endorsing this convention as being the representative body of the I. W. W., and that we also endorse Questions Nos. 1, 2, 3, submitted by the convention to the membership of the I. W. W. Carried, Yes 20, No, 0.

M. & S. (Murphy-Martini): That we adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

T. E. Johnson, Chairman.
T. Flynn, Recording Secretary.
E. Berglund, Branch Secretary.

All foregoing communications accepted to be added to minutes and filed. No objections.

Press Committee reports.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Erwin, 230): That report of Press Committee be accepted as read. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Cole, 110): That Resolution Committee be requested to submit and read all communications and matters referring to this controversy. Carried.

Reading of Charges, communications, etc. of controversial nature, followed.

Chair rules Seattle Joint Branch resolution be not thrown out, as it has been concurred in by Duluth Branch, I. U. 460. Rumbaugh appeals ruling of Chair. Chair sustained.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Henrikson, 330): That the hearing be tabled until 7:00 tonight. Lost.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Murray, 120): That all officials be notified by registered mail to appear before this body at 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Amend. (Hanson, 110-Jordan, 110): That the time be changed to 7:00 tonnight.

Amend. lost. Motion lost.

Fisher arrived at 10:00 a. m.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Oberman, 110): That if any member of committee having preferred charges are present, they be given floor to explain these charges. Carried.

John Kenney, I. U. 110, Frank Burns, formerly I. U. 210-220 and Aug. Walquist, I. U. 510, who acted on investigation committee preferring charges, postponed statement to delegates, waiting for both sides of controversy to be present.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220- Murray, 120): That the present investigation committee appointed by this body shall take the evidence and go over it and submit their findings to this body of delegates for final action. Ruled out of order by chair.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Henrikson, 330): That we rescind our former action in regard to having this convention act as a whole on this matter as an investigation committee.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Cole, 110): That we table the motion to rescind. Carried.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Chuba, 440): That all officials of the Gen. Administration and all suspended G. E. B. members who have charges preferred against them, who do not appear on this convention floor for investigation, stand expelled.

(No action taken on above, too near time for adjournment for lunch.)

Fellow Workers Tom Doyle and Joe Fisher appeared on the floor here this morning and requested to be excused, until they are free to leave the court. They expressed their willingness to appear, whenever possible.

Adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRTEENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m.

All delegates present, except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Jordan's motion taken up. Record vote demanded. Result follows: (110): Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; (120): Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Murray, no; Grad, no; (210-220): Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; (230): Erwin, yes; (310): Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, no; Anderson, yes; (330): Henrikson, yes; Rumbaugh, not voting; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; (440): Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; (510): Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; (S. I. U.): Rumbaugh, yes. Carried. 21 for, 3 against, 1 not voting.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Anderson, 310): That suspended G. E. B. members Arthur Linn and Chas. Gibson be ordered to appear before this body of delegates for investigation. Record vote. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Leonard, 310): That verbatim report of 1922-23 convention, also minutes of G. E. B. from March 1 to Oct. 1, 1924, be brought here for reference. Carried.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Rumbaugh, 330): That we suspend all officials and employees in headquarters that had anything to do with the controversy, and that they be not allowed to work or hold office for two years.

Chair rules motion out of order. Murray appeals ruling of chair. Chair sustained, 14 to 7.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Nelson, 310): That we table entire controversy until we hear from the temporary general administration. Carried. 12 to 5.

New Business

Ways and Means Committee reports. Hanson on floor.

Recommendation of Ways and Means Comm. on raising funds at once: "We recommend that convention demand of all I. U.s who have not done so, to send in the balance of the per capita they owe for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1924.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with committee, and instruct them to ask all I. U. secretaries to remit to headquarters or submit their reason for not doing so in writing. Carried, 21 to 1. Murray voting no.

Report of Ways and Means Comm. accepted as progress. No objections.

Resolutions Committee stated herewith that they have nothing to report at this time. Accepted as progress, no objection.

Constitution and By-laws Committee reports, Walquist on floor.

Article 3, Section 1. Committee presents Resolution No. 126 covering Res. No. 69, 140, 135, 76, and 91, all of which follow:

Whereas, Since the new plan of organization has been in effect, there seems to be considerable trouble and dissatisfaction, and dissension; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we favor the abolition of General Organizer and Assistant Secretary, and the General Administration shall be composed of secretary-treasurer and seven members of the General Executive Board, the secretary-treasurer having voice but no vote. Carried.

Resolution No. 5, from L. W. I. U. 120 Convention in Spokane, Wash. (Resolution No. 2 from Duluth branch).

Owing to the fact that we now have three officials in the General Headquarters, and

Whereas, We consider the assistant secretary-treasurer and the general organizer unnecessary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we change Article 1, Section 1 (a) to read: "There shall be a general secretary-treasurer and he shall be nominated from the floor of the convention, and be elected by general referendum."

No. 6:—That the new plan of general administration, with general secretary, assistant secretary, general organizer and G. O. C. chairman as the G. E. B. be abolished and the 1921 administration form be adopted.

That amendments passed by the last convention and ratified by the membership in the constitution of the I. W. W., touching and affecting the officers of the General Headquarters be abolished. If in the coming convention better amendments cannot be devised, then it is resolved that the constitutional provision of the year 1922, as ratified

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by the membership, be put into effeet, so far as they touch the matter of offieers in the general headquarters.

Grounds:—The system that has been in vogue during the past year in the executive committee of the I. W. W. has proven itself to be detrimental to the organization in that it places too much power into the hands of a few individuals.

Resolution from I. U. 330:

Resolved, That we go on reeord in favor of abolishing the offices of the general organizer and assistant secretary-treasurer.

Resolution No. 4, from I. U. 510:

Be It Resolved, That we go on reeord for the abolition of the assistant secretary-treasurer and general organizer, and have the general seeretary-treasurer and G. E. B. take over the funetions of these offiees.

Resolution 126:

"The general administration shall consist of the general seeretary-treasurer and the general exeeutive board comprising seven members."

Comm. eoncurs with Res. No. 126.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we eoncur with eommittee. Carried.

Comm. reeommends that Artiele 3, Section 1 (b) be strieken out.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Erwin, 230): That we eoneur with eommittee. Carried.

Artiele 3, Seetion 2, resolutions read as follows:

Term of Office

Seetion 2 (a), resolutions 18, I. U. 310; 13, I. U. 330; 64, I. U. 510; 97, I. U. 330; 43, I. U. 440.

Resolution No. 12, Portland conference:

That Artiele 3, Seetion 2, of the General Constitution referring to General Officers, be ehanged to read: "No offieials of the organization shall hold office for two eonsecutive terms. A term of offiee shall be one year, and same shall commenee on Mareh 1st. No offieer shall be eligible to hold office again until he has been out of offiee for two years."

Resolution No. 12—I. U. 510:

Whereas, Certain individuals have tried to interpret Article 3, Seetion 2, of the General Constitution, to mean that members holding office in the general organization eannot hold offiee again in the general organization for one year; and on the strength thereof have aecepted nominations for offiees in the industrial unions directly after stepping out of office in the general organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 2, be ehanged to read: "No member holding an official position in the organization for from ninety (90) days to one (1) year, exeept editors and paid delegates, who are not holding seal, shall again be eligible to hold offiee in any part of the organization for one term."

T. McGill, X-23721; Geo. Speed, 241670; August Walquist, 88799—Resolutions Committee.

Resolution No. 15—I. U. 330:

"No member of the I. W. W., upon completing a term of office in the Industrial Workers of the World shall hold another offiee or work for the organization as an employe in any capacity whatsoever, for a period of one year.

Resolution No. 5—I. U. 440:

Resolved, That all officials at the headquarters of the I. W. W., who have served one term, shall not be eligible to hold office again until they have been at the point of produetion at least two years.

Substitute majority report:

The term of office shall be one year, and same shall commenee on March 1. Jordan, Broman, Mattson and Walquist eoncur.

Minority report, Nelson reads:

Article 3, Section 2, of the General Constitution, referring to general offices be changed to read:

"No offieial of the organization shall hold office for two consecutive terms. Term of office shall be one year and shall commence on March 1st. No offieial shall be eligible to hold office again until he has been out of office for one year."

Resolution 162 acted on by convention, and committee leaves it up to the floor of the eonvention to decide re-election of offieers, if so desired.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Hendriekson, 330): That we eoncur with majority report. Carried. 15 to 6.

Leonard, Swanson, Anderson, Nelson of 310, voting no. Also Murray and Grad of 120 vote no.

Motion passed 10th day, Thursday, Oetober 23rd, to follow Article 3, Seetion 2 (a) to be known as 2 (b). Substitute (Gray, 110-Mann, 110): "No offieial of the General Administration after serving his final term of office, shall be employed by the General Administration for a period of one year, except in the capacity of speaker, field organizer or writer." Carried. 14 to 10.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Leonard, 310): That no general official ean be nominated or re-elected for another term. Lost. 14 to 9. Reeorded voting, yes: Erwin, Grad, Swanson, Nelson, Thompson, Chuba.

Resolutions on Eleetions read herewith, as follows:

Res. No. 25, I. U. 310; No. 66, I. U. 510; No. 153, I. U. 460; as follows;

Resolution No. 13, Denver Conference:

Resolved, That all Small Industrial Unions initiate a joint ballot for their representative on the General Executive Board.

Resolution No. 1, from I. U. 510:

The present form of G. E. B. (Chairmen of I. U.s) tends more or less to industrial union patriotism and materialism instead of working for the I. W. W. as a whole. Abolish the present form of G. E. B. and nominate the G. E. B. from the floor of the convention.

It is further recommended that not less than two or more than three nominees be placed on the general referendum ballot for each of the six

largest industrial unions, and same for Small Industrial Unions. One vote only to be cast for each industrial union, and one for Small Industrial Unions.

Resolution No. 3:

Whereas, Numerous industrial unions, through their conventions have recommended material changes in the constitution pertaining to the election of the General Executive Board; therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, the Foodstuff Workers' Industrial Union No. 460, in meeting assembled, recommend than all members of the General Executive Board in the future become members at large as soon as elected and installed.

Majority report does not concur.

Minority report concurs.

Jordan's minority report read, as follows: Article 3, Section 3 (a) The general Executive Board and Sec'y-Treas. shall be members of the organization in continuous good standing for three years. The candidates for the G. E. B. receiving the highest number of votes on the floor of the convention, shall be submitted to the general membership for election, the seven receiving the highest vote on referendum to be elected. Not more than 21 nominees to be placed on ballot. The three candidates for sec'y-treas. receiving the highest number of votes on the floor of the convention shall be submitted to the General membership for election, the one receiving the highest vote on referendum to be elected, Art. 3, Sec. 5 (2) shall read: The Sec'y-Treas. shall install the G. E. B. and shall transfer them out of their respective I. U.s and they shall be members at large of the I. W. W.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Cole, 110): That we adopt minority report of F. W. Joe Jordan.

Amend. (Rumbaugh, 330-Schwandt, 330): That clause read, "membership for three years, and in continuous standing for one year." Lost. Motion lost.

Minority report of Walquist, read as follows:

(a) The General Executive Board and secretary-treasurer shall be members of the organization in continued good standing for three years prior to their nomination.

(b) The three candidates for secretary-treasurer receiving the highest number of votes on the floor of the convention shall be submitted to the general membership for election. The one receiving the highest number of votes on referendum to be elected.

(c) Not more than three nominees shall be placed on general referendum ballot for each of the six largest industrial unions and same for the Small industril unions, one to be elected from the six largest industrial unions and one from the Small industrial unions.

(d) The alternates of the General Executive Board and secretary-treasurer shall be one receiving the next highest number of votes in consecutive order for each respective office.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Cole, 110): That we concur with the minority report of Walquist. Lost.

Minority report of Nelson, read as follows:

The General Executive Board shall be composed of the chairmen of the various industrial unions. The General Executive Board to elect its own chairman by a majority vote of the entire G. E. B. The chairman can be unseated any time by a majority vote of the G. E. B.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Leonard, 310): That we concur with Nelson's minority report. Lost.

Majority report read as follows:

The six largest industrial unions shall nominate and elect their own G. E. B. members. The Small Industrial Unions shall nominate and elect a G. E. B. member jointly. The G. E. B. and secretary-treasurer shall be members of the organization in continued good standing for three years prior to nomination. The three candidates for secretary-treasurer receiving the highest number of votes on the floor of the convention shall be submitted to the general membership for election. The one receiving the highest number of votes on referendum to be elected. The alternate of the G. E. B. and secretary-treasurer shall be one receiving the next highest number of votes in consecutive order for each respective office.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with majority report. Lost.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Murray, 120): That section 3 (a) be referred back to the Constitution and By-laws Committee. Carried.

Article 3, Section 4, read as follows:

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The General Secretary-Treasurer shall close his accounts for the fiscal year on the last day of September. He shall make a monthly financial report to the General Executive Board and to the general membership. He shall make a complete itemized report of the financial and other affairs of his office to each General Convention.

He shall prepare and sign all charters issued by the General Executive Board. He shall receive all monies for charters from Industrial Unions and Industrial Deprtments. He shall receipt for same, care for and deposit all monies as instructed by the General Executive Board, in some solvent bank or banks, which shall be drawn out only to pay indebtedness, rising out of due conduct of the business of the organization, and then only if bills shall first have been duly presented by the creditors, when a check shall be drawn by him in payment thereof.

He shall employ such assistants as are necessary to conduct the affairs of his office, remuneration for such employes to be fixed by the General Executive Board.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee on Article 3, Section 4. Carried.

Article 3, Section 5 (a) read as follows:

Duties of the General Executive Board

Section 5 (a) The General Executive Board

shall elect their own chairman from their own number.

The General Executive Board shall have general supervision over all affairs of the organization between conventions, and shall watch vigilantly over the interests throughout its jurisdiction. It shall be assisted by the officials and members of all organiztions subordinate to the Industrial Workers of the World. It shall appoint such organizers as the conditions of the organization may justify.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Hanson, 110): That we concur with Section 5 (a), Article 3. Carried.

Article 3, Section 5 (b) read as follows:

Section 5 (b) The General Executive Board shall not appoint nor cause to be appointed, any delegate or organizer without first notifying the union (if any), where the organizer or delegate is about to operate.

All organizers so appointed shall at all times work under the instruction of the General Executive Board. All organizers and general executive board members, while in the employ of the Industrial workers of the World, shall report to the chairman of the General Executive Board in writing on blanks provided for that purpose, at least once each week.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Cole, 110): That we concur with Section 5 (b), Article 3.

Amend. (Mann, 110-Fisher, 110): That the following clause be stricken out:

All organizers and general executive board members, while in the employ of the Industrial Workers of the World, shall report to the chairman of the General Executive Board in writing, on blanks provided for that purpose, at least once each week.

Amendment to amendment. (Henrikson, 330-Hanson, 110): That the whole thing be stricken out.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

FOURTEENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, October 28, 1924.

Session called to order by P. J. Welinder, Chairman.

Roll call of delegates. All present with the exception of Gray and Broman, excused on committee duty.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That minutes of yesterday's session be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Reading of communications.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman General Convention.

Calgary branch, I. U. 110, 26 members present. Voted unanimously to back up Sixteenth General Convention now sitting in headquarters.

(Signed) D. C. McCaul, Branch Sec'y.
San Francisco, Calif.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman General Convention.

Members voted yes on three questions in Solidarity. Minutes follow.

(Signed) Geo. Schroeder, Branch Sec'y.
Fitchburg, Mass.

Chairman General Convention:

Twenty-one members in good standing present. Action taken by convention accepted. Considered authorized to handle all questions forthcoming.

(Signed) Chairman Wm. Pietila.
Branch Secretary Eric Taskimen.
New York, N. Y.

Chairman General Convention:

Harlem branch, B. C. W. I. U. 330, in a special meeting on October 27, 1924, with thirty members present, decided as follows: Question 1. Fully approved convention and delegates. Bona fide question 1. Fully approve your actions. Question 3, yes.

(Signed) Gus Salo, Chairman.
K. Pusa, Branch Secretary.
Oakland, Calif.

Chairman General Convention:

I. U. 330, Oakland branch, goes on record as declaring the Sixteenth Annual Convention legal. Regular business meeting, October 27, 1924. Fourteen members in good standing.

(Signed) Peter Ould, Chairman.
G. N. Baker, Recording Sec'y.
Vancouver, B. C.

Chairman General Convention:

All questions in official statement answered in the affirmative by this branch.

(Signed) G. Tveit, Chairman.
Butte, Montana.

P. J. Welinder:

At a regular business meeting of Butte, Montana, branch, October 26, 1924, the following motion was made and carried: That this branch go on record to call on the memberships of all industrial unions to immediately recall all their officials that refused to have the injunction removed from General Headquarters.

(Signed) Pat Mee, Chairman.
Seattle, Washington.

P. J. Welinder:

Business meeting of I. U. 110. Nineteen members. Point one, concur, subject to referendum. Point two, concur, subject to general referendum. We are in accord with suspension findings of investigation to go on general referendum.

(Signed) Harold Moore, Chairman.

Detroit, Michigan.

General Convention of the I. W. W.:

Special I. U. 440 meeting held Oct. 27, 1924. Resolved, that this branch go on record to answer yes to the three questions in the official statement from the Sixteenth Convention. Carried unanimuously. Robt. Lahti, Chairman.

(Signed) G. B. Fortney, Rec. Sec'y.

Buffalo, New York.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman of Sixteenth General Convention, Chicago, Ill.:

We, the members of Buffalo district, sixteen members present, in good standing, recognize this as the Sixteenth Constitutional Convention, and as to the three clauses, was unanimously carried that we concur with each and every one. I may add that not a dissenting vote was cast.

(Signed) Thomas Hayes, Br. Sec'y.
Williston, N. D.

Chairman General Convention:

Nineteen members of I. U. 110 in good standing. It has been regularly moved and seconded that we accept the Sixteenth Constitutional General Convention as legal.

(Signed) Geo. Brehm.
Duluth, Minnesota.

I. W. W. Convention:

Duluth joint branch meeting, October 26, 1924, 31 members in good standing present, went on record as follows: "That this body go on record as recognizing the convention now in session in Chicago as being an official convention and we go on record as being in favor of suspending from office for two years, all present officials who took part in the present controversy. We accept as official the acts of the convention, and accept as authoritative the temporary administration. We recognize the authority of the convention to suspend officials from office, to place them on trial for official acts but not to expel them from the I. W. W. That we instruct the credential committee of the general convention to be very careful to seat no delgates who are not eligible.

(Signed) A. Lindgren, Chairman.
Fred Carr, Rec. Sec'y.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 26, 1924.

General Convention:

M. & S.: That official statement from Ryan and Trotter be thrown in the waste basket.

Amended: That it be sent back.

Amendment carried.

M. & S.: That we go on record as recognizing the present convention as the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the I. W. W. and being in favor of the action taken by the delegates in suspending all officials as per minutes of the convention. Carried.

Thirty-six members of 110, all voting yes on above motion.

(Signed) Robt. McGowan, Sta. Del.

The above minutes and telegrams were filed for future reference. Telegram from Port Arthur, Ont., Canada, relative to charter, referred to administration committee. Broman reports for administration committee.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That the report of temporary administration committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

Report of press committee.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Oberman, 110): That report of press committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That the Daily Worker be not given any more official press statements. Carried.

Continuation of constitution and by-laws committee's report. **Walquist** on floor.

Article III, section 5 (c) to read:

The General Executive Board shall have full power to issue charters to Industrial Departments, to Industrial Unions, Branches and Industrial District councils. They shall also have power to charter and classify unions and organizations, not hereinafter provided for.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Mattson, 210-20): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Fisher, 110-Mann, 110): That last sentence be stricken out. Amendment carried, 15 to 3.

Committee reports that Article III, section 5 (d) general constitution be stricken out or changed to read: In case the members of any subordinate part of the I. W. W. are involved in a strike or lockout, and in the opinion of the G. E. B. it becomes necessary to call out any other part of the organization, they shall send out a strike call, same to be subject to a vote of the members of the said subordinate part. Minority report.

Majority report recommends to leave section 5 (d) of Article III, the same as it is.

Resolution from I. U. 510. No. 67:

Whereas, Article III, section 5, general constitution advocates the dictatorship and we are practicing what we believe, that, "An injury to one is an injury to all," and we do not need the G. E. B. to dictate when we are going out on strike, therefore

Be It Resolved, That Article III, section 5 (d) general constitution be stricken out or be changed to read: In case the members of any subordinate part of the I. W. W. are involved in a strike or lockout and in the opinion of the G. E. B. it becomes necessary to call out any other part of the organization, they shall send out a strike call, same to be subject to a vote of the members of said subordinate part.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Henrikson, 330): That Article III, section 5 (d) be stricken out. Mann calls for record vote.

I. U. 110: Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray not present, Cole no; 120: Welinder yes, Broman not present, Grad yes, Murray yes; 210-220: Mattson yes, Oates not present, 230: Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson no, Swanson yes, Anderson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Rumbaugh no, Schwandt no, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (Small I. U.'s) Rumbaugh no. 14 for, 10 against. Motion carried.

Committee reports on section 5 (e) of Article III.

General Executive Board shall have full power and authority over the official publications and guide

their policy. The editors shall be appointed by the General Executive Board and shall receive such compensation as, in the judgment of the General Executive Board, is just and proper.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Hanson, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That the General Executive Board shall have full power and authority over all I. W. W. publications and guide their policy. Amendment carried.

Committee reports on Article III, section 5 (f) to read:

The members of the General Executive Board shall have power to visit any subordinate body of the I. W. W., and have full authority to examine and audit all accounts of said body, also to enforce the use of a uniform system of bookkeeping as adopted by the convention of the I. W. W. from time to time.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports Resolution No. 144, I. U. 210-220: "That the last sentence of Article III, section 5 (h) be changed to read: That it shall take a majority report to settle any question."

Resolution No. 142, I. U. 210-220: "That Article III, section 5 (g) be substituted to read: That the G. E. B. shall meet upon a majority vote of G. E. B. members or on a referendum vote of two or more Industrial Unions."

Resolution No. 16, I. U. 310:

Resolved, That Article III, section 5 (g) of the general constitution be amended to read: That the G. E. B. shall meet on the call of the chairman or majority vote of the G. E. B. or upon the call of two or more Industrial Unions.

Resolution No. 80, I. U. 330: That we recommend to the general convention that any reference to a two-thirds majority be stricken from the general constitution.

Reso. No. 4, from I. U. 120: Seeing that there has been a lot of controversy in the organization in regard to when and where it takes a two-thirds majority vote to decide on a question, therefore

Be It Resolved, That we change Art. III, section 5 (h), last clause, to read: It shall take a majority vote to decide all questions in the I. W. W. and subordinate parts thereof.

The committee offers the following substitute on the above resolutions for Article III, section 5 (g): The G. E. B. shall meet on the call of the chairman or vote of the G. E. B. or upon the call of two or more Industrial Unions.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Oates, 210-220-Hanson, 110): That we strike out the words "on the call of two or more Industrial Unions." Amendment carried, 12 to 8.

Committee reports on Article III, section 5 (h): All matters pertaining to organization shall be settled by the G. E. B. by mail or wire, when absent from headquarters. It shall take a majority vote to settle any question.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on section 3 of Article III (a). Majority report:

The six largest Industrial Unions shall nominate and elect their own G. E. B. members. The small Industrial Unions shall nominate and elect a G. E. B. member jointly.

The minority reports that the G. E. B., secretary-treasurer, shall be members of the organization in continuous good standing for three years prior to nomination.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Rumbaugh, 330): That recommendation on Article III, section 3 (a) be changed to read to two years instead of three.

Amended (Cole, 110-Grad, 120): That the General Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member for four years and eighteen months in continuous good standing. Amendment and motion lost.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Nelson, 310): That we concur with minority report.

Amended (Fisher, 110-Erwin, 230): That the Secretary-Treasurer and G. E. B. be members for three years and eighteen months in continuous good standing, immediately prior to nomination.

Thirteen for and 9 against. Amendment carried. Oates voting no.

Committee reports on Article III, section 3 (b): The three candidates for Secretary-Treasurer receiving the highest number of votes on the floor of the convention shall be submitted to the general membership for election, the one receiving the highest number of votes on referendum to be elected.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on section 3 (c) of Article III.

Not more than three nominees shall be placed on the general referendum ballot for each of the six largest Industrial Unions and same for the small Industrial Unions, one to be elected from the six largest Industrial Unions and one from the small Industrial Unions.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Oberman, 110): That we concur with committee. 11 to 7, Rumbaugh and Schwandt voting no.

Committee reports on Article III, section 3 (d).

The alternates of the G. E. B. and secretary-treasurer shall be those receiving the next highest number of votes in consecutive order for each respective office.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Schwandt, 330-Rumbaugh, 330): That this clause be referred back to the committee for redrafting.

Amendment to amendment (Erwin, 230-Chuba, 440): That alternates for the above offices be elected on the same ballot as the regular officers.

Substitute for the whole (Hanson, 110-Nelson,

310): That the G. E. B. chairman be alternate to secretary-treasurer and the I. U. decide on alternates for the G. E. B.. Carried, 13 to 8.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FOURTEENTH DAY

Roll call of delegates. All present except Gray and Broman, who are excused on committee duty.

Constitution and by-laws committee reporting on Article III, section 3 (e): The general administration officials on assuming office shall be transferred out of their respective Industrial Unions and become members at large.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Thompson, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried, 14 to 2.

Committee reports on Article III, section 6 (a): Charges against any of the general officers shall be filed in writing with the G. E. B. or the general convention at the option of the person filing charges. If the charges are filed before the G. E. B. they shall at once have a copy of the charges sent to the accused, together with the notice of the date of the hearing of the charges. Charges filed before the general convention must be sent to the general secretary at least thirty days prior to the date of the convening of the convention. On receipt of the charges the general secretary shall forward a copy of the same to the accused and notice to appear at the convention for trial.

Resolution No 7, I. U. 310: To strike out the word "sixty" and insert the word "thirty" instead, in paragraph (a) of section 6, Art. III, page 18 of the general constitution of the I. W. W. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Erwin, 230-Rumbaugh, 330): That this be referred back to committee to be brought up together with clauses dealing with recall.

Amendment to amendment (Cole, 110-Swanson, 310): That any time charges are preferred against any general officer he must be suspended from office at the time charges are preferred and a hearing be given at once. Amendment to amendment lost. Amendment lost, 7 to 11. Motion carried, 13 to 8.

Committee reports on Article III, section 6 (b): Any decision of the G. E. B. on charges tried by them shall be subject to appeal to the next general convention. The decision of the general convention on charges can be appealed from them to the general membership. The cost of appealing to the general membership shall be borne by the party taking the appeal. If the vote on the appeal results in the favor of the party taking the appeal, then the general organization shall refund the cost of the appeal.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried, 17 to 2, Speed voting no.

Resolution No. 44, I. U. 440:

"Resolved, That the present form of the General Executive Board be abolished, and that we recommend to the coming I. W. W. convention that the old system of electing G. E. B. members be adopted and further

Be It Resolved that the General Executive Board shall have only two meetings per year, unless absolutely necessary.

Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Erwin, 230): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on Article IV, section 1 (a): The officers of Industrial Unions shall be as follows: secretary-treasurer, with a general organization committee, one of whom shall act as chairman.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Rumbaugh, 330): That the entire section be stricken out. Carried, 18 to 1.

Committee reports on Article IV, section 2 (a): Industrial Union secretaries shall give a statement in their monthly financial report of their indebtedness to all Industrial Unions, to general headquarters, to defense committees, and all subordinate parts of the I. W. W. and remit all indebtedness at the end of each month. Each month they shall forward reports with applications to all members joining unions not yet chartered and to the general office.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Erwin, 230): That we adopt section 2 (a), Article IV, as it is at present, omitting the words "general defense committee."

Amended (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried. Amendment carried.

Committee reports on Article IV, section 2 (b): The general organization committee shall have charge of Industrial Union affairs between conventions per instructions from the membership. They shall maintain relations between the Industrial Unions and its subordinate parts of the general organization of the Industrial Workers of the World.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Hanson, 110): That we do not concur with committee. Carried.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Anderson, 310): That section 2 (b) of Article IV be stricken from the constitution. Lost.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Speed, 510): That we leave section 2 (b) of Article IV as it is and where it is.

Amended (Walquist, 510-Nelson, 310): Section 2 (b) to read: Any unit of the I. W. W. which fails at the end of 90 days to pay its indebtedness will be declared on an unsound basis and the G. E. B. must regulate the financial affairs of the unit until all accounts are paid. Carried.

Committee reports on Article IV, section 2 (c): That section 2 (c) be embodied in the by-laws.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Henrikson, 330): That we do not concur with committee. Carried.

M. & S (Rumbaugh, 330-Henrikson, 330): That section 2 (c) remain as at present. Carried.

Report on section 2 (d): That it be embodied in the by-laws.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That we do not concur with committee. Carried.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Jordan, 110) That section 2 (d) stands as it is. Lost.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Erwin, 230):That section 2 (d) be stricken from the constitution. Carried.

Committee reports on section 3: That it be stricken out.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on Article V, section 1 (a): That the annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World shall convene on the second Monday of November each year where the general headquarters is located.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried, Grad of 120, Murray of 120 and Thompson of 440 voting no.

Resolution No. 89, I. U. 330: That we favor striking out paragraph B of section 1, Article V, from the general constitution which reads as follows: The constitutional convention of the Industrial Workers of the World shall convene on the second Monday of every second year.

Committee reports that section 1 (b) of Article V be stricken out.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on section 2 (a), Article V: The convention of the Industrial Workers of the World is the legislative body of the organization, and its enactment are of legal force when sustained by referendum vote of the membership touching any and all amendments to the organic law which the convention may adopt. As to such amendments, they shall be submitted to a referendum vote by the General Executive Board within fifteen days after the adjournment of the convention. The vote shall close forty-five days after the date of issuing referendum.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Amended (Rumbaugh, 330-Schwandt, 330): That words "organic law" be stricken out and substituted by "constitution and by-laws." Lost.

Committee reports on section 2 (b), Article V. Recommendation by Tom Doyle: A simple constitutional clause like this, that the general convention shall not adjourn sine die, but could re-convene at the call of the majority of the G. E. B. or two or more Industrial Unions, or a referendum of the membership.

Resolution No. 8, I. U. 310:

Whereas, There is no way of calling a general convention of the I. W. W. in case of an emergency, other than through the G. E. B. and

Whereas, In the future the G. E. B. may disagree, thereby leaving no official head of the general organization, therefore

Be It Resolved, That the general convention of the I. W. W. shall not adjourn forever until the convening of the next general convention. Thereupon, the last general convention of the I. W. W. shall stand adjourned forever. The delegates or their alternates to the last general convention of the I. W. W. shall again assemble upon the call of the majority of the G. E. B. or by referendum vote of two or more I. U.s or a referendum of the entire membership, or majority vote of the delegates of the last general convention.

Committee's recommendation: The annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World shall not adjourn sine die until convening of the next convention. The annual convention shall reconvene upon the call of the General Executive Board, or two or more Industrial Unions.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Motion lost, 12 to 13.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Chuba, 440): That we have roll call vote. Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Section 2 (b), Article 5:

I. U. 110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, not present; Cole, no; I. U. 120—Welinder, no; Broman, not present; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; I. U.s 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, no; I. U. 230—Erwin, yes; I. U. 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; I. U. 330—Henrikson, no; Rumbaugh, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; I. U. 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; I. U. 510—Speed, no; Walquist, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no. For, 335 1-3; against, 274 2-3.

Committee reports on section 3 that it be embodied in section 7.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports that section 4 (a), (b), (c), be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on Article V, section 5 (a) and (b): That they be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee recommends that section 6 be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on section 7 (a).

Minority report, Resolution No. 143, I. U. 210-220: That Article V, section 7 be changed to read: The delegates to the general convention must be members of the I. W. W. for one year and in continuous good standing in their I. U.'s for six months prior to nomination.

Resolution No. 125: It is our desire to point out to the membership that Article V, section 7 (a) is a hindrance to our organization and does not allow new branches and new territory just representation, therefore

Be It Resolved, That we recommend Article V, section 7 (a) to read as follows: Delegates eligible to the general convention must be members of the I. W. W. for one year and in continuous good standing for six months prior to nomination.

Resolution No. 160, Timmins, Ontario: That we

recommend Article V, section 7 (a) to read as follows: That delegates eligible to the general convention must be members of the I. W. W. for one year and in continuous good standing six months prior to nomination.

Mattson concurs as minority report.

Majority report: That section 7 (a) be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Murray, 120): That we concur with minority report. Jordan calls for a record vote.

Record vote on section 7 (a):

I. U. 110: Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray not present, Cole no, (120) Welinder not voting, Broman not present, Grad no, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates yes; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no, Anderson no; (330) Henrikson no, Rumbaugh no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Motion lost 3 to 21.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Oberman, 110): That we concur with majority report. Cole calls for record vote.

Record vote on section 7 (a): I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray not present, Cole yes; (120) Welinder not voting, Broman not present, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates no; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes, Anderson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Rumbaugh yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Carried, 21 to 3.

Committee reports on section 7 (b): All paid officials and employees must be off the pay roll 90 days prior to the convening of the convention, to become cligible as delegates.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That section 7 (b) be referred back to committee for redrafting. Carried.

Committee reports on section 7 (c): That it be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Leonard, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 7 (d): Committee adopts as amended by striking out last three words in paragraph.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on section 8 as it stands.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Rumbaugh, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 9: That it be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Speed, 510-Schwandt, 330): That the last part reading, "said delegate is a member in good standing of one of the Unions so sending him," be stricken out. Carried, 12 to 3.

Committee reports section 10 as amended to read: Industrial Unions that are indebted to the official organ or the publishing bureau controlled by the organization, having sufficient funds to pay their indebtedness, shall not be entitled to representation in the general convention.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried. E. Rumbaugh voting no.

Committee reports on section 11: That it be adopted without amendments.

M. & S (Chuba, 440-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 12, committee reports: Resolutions to the general convention shall be acted upon by their I. U. convention, and if the I. U. has no convention, then the branches acting on same must send them to their I. U. headquarters, there to be segregated and each resolution shall be on a separate sheet of paper and duplicated. No resolution sent in by an individual shall be considered by the general convention.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on Article VI, sections 1 and 2: That it be adopted without amendments.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on Art. VII, section 1: The revenue of the organization shall be derived as follows: Charter fees for Industral Departments shall be $25.00, and for Industral Unions $10. Industrial Union branches shall pay $2 for seal and charter.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Leonard, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Committee reports on section 2 (a): That it be stricken out.

M. & S. (Rumbaugh, 330-Leonard, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

The report of the constitution and by-laws committee was accepted as progress. E. Rumbaugh, delegate from I. U. 330, announces that he is forced to withdraw from the convention on account of pressing personal business. He says that he is well satisfied with the convention, but is unable to attend any further. He also offers his resignation from the auditing committee and rules committee.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Leonard, 310): That Fellow Worker Rumbaugh's resignation from the auditing committee be accepted. Carried.

Fellow Worker Ruth Rumbaugh was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy on the auditing committee. Chairman P. J. Welinder reads request from Harrison George, Mike Nowak, and H. R. Richards, who were duly credentialed from the Red International, asking for the privilege of the floor.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That communication be filed.

Amended (Chuba, 440-Grad, 120): That the communication in question be returned.

Amendment to amendment (Cole, 110-Mattson,

210-220): That Fellow Worker Harrison George be given the floor for fifteen minutes.

Erwin calls for record vote.

I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray not present, Cole yes; (120) Welinder no, Broman not present, Grad no, Murray no; (I. U. 210-220) Mattson yes, Oates no; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no, Anderson no; (330) Henrikson no, Rumbaugh no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Amendment to amendment lost, 6 to 19.

Amendment carried.

Report of auditing committee on I. U. 440 books.

Erwin on floor; majority report:

We have checked over the vouchers and receipts contested by the auditing committee elected by the Chicago branch of I. U. 440 in conjunction with the auditor elected by the convention of I. U. 440 and verified their statements and are submitting a report. We have found $115.96 cash balance unaccounted for and their report shows that amount charged to M. Raddock along with other amounts charged to him. We also found that some of the reports have been so mutilated that the address of the delegate was unreadable.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:
Claude Erwin, Chairman;
Elmer Swanson, Elmer Rumbaugh, Chas. Anderson,
J. Sanjour.

Minority report: I found some receipts that I think should not be contested.

(Signed) Frank Grad.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Oberman, 110): That we accept majority's report as progress.

Amend. (Rumbaugh, 330-Thompson, 440): That the original report of 440 be read in full. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—FIFTEENTH DAY
Wednesday, October 29, 1924.

Session called to order by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Mann, Fisher and Jordan of 110; also Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Gray arrived at 9:10 a. m.

Press Committee report read.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Hanson, 110): That press report be accepted. Carried.

Telegrams and communications read as follows:

Wire from Worcester, Mass., as follows:

Worcester, Mass., October 29, 1924.

Chairman of General Convention,
1001 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Minutes of meeting held by Worcester Branch M. M. W. I. U. 440, October 28, 1924. Meeting called to order by branch secretary, M. Maki. Wesala chairman, Frank Allen recording secretary.

M. & S.: That we indorse convention as constitutional and concur with actions taken. Carried unanimously.—**Wesala, Card No. 827543,** Chairman; **Frank Allen, Card No. 737829,** Recording Secretary.

Wire from New York City, N. Y., as follows:

New York, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1924.

Chairman Convention:

New York Br. of F. W. I. U. 460 in its regular business meeting held on October 28, 1924, thirty-one members present, decided as follows: Question one: fully recognize convention and delegates bona fide; Question two: Fully approve your actions; Question three: Yes.—John T. Kemppainen, Chairman; Anna Wiljanen, Rec. Sec'y; Wm. Kinnunen, Br. Sec'y.

Wire from Crosby, Minn., as follows:

Crosby, Minn., Oct. 28, 1924.

Chairman of General Convention,
1001 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

We are satisfactory to the convention's work; continue it onward.—Crosby Branch, No. 210.

Wire from Los Angeles, Calif., as follows:

Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 29, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, 1001 West Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Be it resolved that L. A. special membership meeting goes on record to recognize convention provided referendum is issued at once. Putting all questions directly to members for ratification.—Bert Lorton, Chairman, South Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Wire from Galveston, Tex., as follows:

Galveston, Texas, Oct. 29, 1924.

Chairman General Convention, 1001 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

We, the 22 members of Galveston branch I. U. 510 of the I. W. W. go on record recognizing the 16th constitutional convention in session proceed with full authority to act.—Lloyd Stroud, Branch Sec'y.

Wire from Centralia, Wash., as follows:

PLEASE CONVEY TO THE DELEGATES AT SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE JUST READ IN THE DAILY WORKER DATED OCTOBER 24, THAT I AM TO BE EXPELLED FROM THE ORGANIZATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. THIS WILL INFORM YOUR BODY THAT SAME CAN TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DESIRE. (SIGNED) WALTER SMITH.

Wire from Port Arthur, Ont., as follows:

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 29, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman General Convention, I. W. W., 1001 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Resolution uanimously adopted special meeting called by traveling delegate Windle twenty-five

members whereas the 16th general convention I. W. W. is composed of delegates regularly elected in accordance with constitution said convention legal and representative of membership and whereas said convention has taken best possible action re controversy be it resolved that we the Port Arthur job branch I. U. 120 go on record as concurring with action of convention and demand that Rowan et al withdraw injunction proceedings from capitalist courts immediately and appear for trial before the convention and abide by decisions thereof.—Orbo Wallgren, X-190034, Chairman.

Wire from N. Y. C., N. Y., (330), as follows:

New York, N. Y., Oct 28, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman Convention
1001 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Special meeting three thirty Brooklyn votes yes on all questions. Motion also carried as follows: Demand immediate expulsion of all officials sustaining injunction and who don't recognize convention. Seventeen members present, unanimously favoring above motions.—V. Saari, Chairman; A. Pine, Recording Secretary; Kalle Niemi, Branch Sec'y.

Mann and Jordan arrived at 9:17 a. m.

Fred Fisher arrived at 9:20 a. m.

Wire from Stockton, Calif., read as follows:

Stockton, Calif., Oct. 29, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, 1001 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Special business meeting held at Stockton, Calif., Oct. 28, 1924, went on record as voting no on all three questions submitted by the so-called convention. Letter following by air mail—M. J. Dillon, Dist. Sec'y. pro tem. Southwest Dist. of I. U. 310.

Communication from South Bend, Ind., read as follows:

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 27, 1924.

General Convention, 1001 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois.
Fellow Workers:

Very sorry to say that South Bend has no longer a branch. Since last summer due to the general layoff of the factories in this town most all members left, only four or five remaining. And when the existing controversy took place in general headquarters the members in this town refused to recognize the parties that partake in said controversy and decided to wait for the meeting of the general convention, which is at present in session in Chicago, Ill.

So the few of us that are still in town have met (Oct. 27, 1924) and decided to let the convention know that we are with the convention and the I. W. W. to the end. Let no individual or a party rule the I. W. W.

Will remain, with best wishes,

Yours for the Industrial Freedom,—Peter Varga, Branch Sec'y; Frank Szuch, No. 773655; Steve Szuch, No. 823520.

Communication from Chicago Branch of I. U. No. 330, read as follows:

Chicago, Ill., October 28, 1924.

To the 16th General Convention of the
Industrial Workers of the World, Emmet Memorial Hall, Chicago, Illinois.
Fellow Workers:

At our regular business meeting tonight with 13 members present, your "official statemnt" to the members of the I. W. W. was read and acted upon seriatim.

All three questions were concurred in unanimously. Action of Delegate Elmer Rumbaugh in withdrawing from the convention was also concurred in.

Hoping that this convention will be able to solve this present controversy in accord with the principles of the I. W. W., we are

Yours for Industrial Solidarity,

Chicago Branch Building Construction Workers' Industrial Union No. 330 of the I. W. W.

Frank Spolar, 781717, Chairman;
G. W. Ballou, 711184, Recording Sec.

The above communications all filed for future reference, no objection.

Reading of yesterday's minutes.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Walquist, 510): That minutes of yesterday's session be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Communication from Fairport Harbor, Ohio, read as follows:

Minutes of I. W. W. membership meeting at Fairport Harbor, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1924.

15 members in good standing present.

M. & S.: That we consider 16th annual convention now in session as legal constitutional convention of the Industrial Workers of the World Carried.

M. & S.: That we concur with the convention in electing temporary administration. Carried

M. & S.: That we consider the 16th annual convention authorized to suspend any and all officials from their duties and to investigate and put on trial any and all whom they consider necessary and also to render verdict according to their findings.—Chairman Edward Beslin, X10565; Recording Secretary, Jacob Mackey, X10586; Conductor, John Jacobson, 178884.

(12 signatures and card numbers attached.)

Communication from Cleveland, Ohio, read as follows:

Minutes of special meeting of C. W. I. U. No. 330, called to order by Branch Secretary Salmi, Oct. 26, 1924, 1899 W. 25th St. hall, Ceveland, Ohio. 14 members present. Chairman elect, M. Hill, Card No. 261125; recording secretary, H. Saari, Card No. 222324.

M. & S.: That present session of Industrial Workers of the World convention is fully authoritative to terminate all the forthcoming affairs. Carried.—H. Saari, Recording Secretary.

Gray, of the Administration Committee, reported as follows:

Yesterday we went down to court at 10:00 o'clock and chewed the rag, and while there, there was a final appeal made by our attorneys to the other side to settle this thing out of court. Even their attorneys seemed to be more willing to settle out of court than the men they are representing. The attorneys put up a suggestion that the whole thing go to a referendum vote of the membership, and right away Ryan and Trotter were on their feet, protesting, and then Rowan; so the Master in Chancery said, "I see that you cannot settle this thing out of court, so we will go to trial." Rowan went on trial. He testified under oath, stating practically everything he said in his bulletins. He was not cross-examined much, because we took the position that their attorneys would like a lengthy cross-examination because of the fee.

Then came Adolph Vangsness. He testified regarding the alleged beating-up he got from another individual, and having a broken jaw and going to the hospital. But the Master in Chancery ruled most of his testimony out, as he was no longer an official when it happened.

Then came Trotter. He gave practically the same testimony as Rowan. At last our attorney got kind of tired of all their talk of gunmen, hijacks, etc., and told them: "If this was true, you should have had these men arrested." Then their attorney got up and said: "Yes, we are considering that too."

When we adjourned at 3:30 the attorney for their side laid off. The Master in Chancery asked him if he wanted to play golf, but he said no, he had business. At the time of adjournment, Trotter had not been cross-examined. At noon the Master in Chancery sprang a surprise on them. He demanded that their side put up a bond to guarantee the cost of court proceedings. This knocked them over for a while. They said they would see about it, and let the court know at 2:00 p. m., when they had talked it over. At 2:00 p. m. their attorney said they hadn't had time to talk it over; they will let him know today. They make the claim that the court costs should come out of the funds that are tied up in the bank; that the judge made a ruling to that effect. However, the Master in Chancery said that that was only a verbal order, and our attorney got up and said that he would fight that to the highest court. Then they had the gall (right along they have been refusing to recognize this convention) to put up the proposition that we come down and talk it over with you to see if you would pay the expenses. They also demanded access to the 120 safe in the building because of some documents they want in there dealing with the controversy. We told them that no one is stopping them; that Rowan has the combination of the safe; and there is nothing stopping them. They are trying to get a modified court order to get the documents.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Cole, 110): That report of Temporary Administration Committee be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Murray, 120): That auditing committee report be laid over until after the controversy. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Murray, 120): That Jas. Rowan, Harry Trotter, P. D. Ryan, Fred Bowerman, Chas. Anderson, etc., for refusing to immediately withdraw the injunction and comply with the request of the 16th General Convention of the I. W. W. be immediately expelled by this convention from the Industrial Workers of the World, the action of the convention to be put to the general referendum vote of the membership.

Amend. (Schwandt, 330-Oberman, 110): That we strike out the part referring to placing this motion on general referendum vote of the membership.

Record vote called for on amendment. Result follows:

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, no; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; Anderson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, yes; 510—Speed, no; Walquist, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no. Lost, 6 yes, 20 no.

Result of vote on motion follows:

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, no; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, yes; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, no; 510—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes. Carried, 23 to 3. Three voting no; Oberman, Cole and Chuba wish to be recorded as being in favor of expulsion directly from the floor of this convention, without putting it to a referendum vote of the membership.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Oberman, 110): That we take up investigation of controversy immediately. Carried.

Doyle took floor at this point and spoke for several minutes before beginning to reply to questions. After four delegates had questioned, it was time to adjourn for lunch, and the following motion was brought up:

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Thompson, 440): That we reconvene in night session at 7:00 o'clock tonight. Motion lost. 9 for, 11 against.

Adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIFTEENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m.

All delegates present except Gray and Broman of temporary Administration Committee.

Communications and telegrams read.

Telegram from Newport, Wash., read as follows:

WHEREAS, THIRTEEN DELEGATES SITTING IN CONVENTION REPRESENTING I. U.s 110, 330, 510 AND 440, AND OFFICIAL CONDUCTOR ARE INELIGIBLE TO SIT IN CONVENTION; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF JOB BRANCH, NEWPORT, WASH., IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, DO NOT RECOGNIZE CONVENTION AS BONA FIDE. WE DO NOT APPROVE OF ADMINISTRATION ELECTED. MINUTES FOLLOW. JOHN WARRENFELTZ, THOS. L. WELSH, GEO. VANDUSEN, COMMITTEE.

Minutes from Denver, Colo., read as follows:

Regular business meeting called to order by Bernice Ellis at 7 p. m., Oct. 26.

M. & S.: That fellow Worker Gross be elected Chairman by acclamation. Carried.

M. & S.: That letter from Wm. Buchwald of Oct. 22, 1924, be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That letter from general secretary treasurer pro tem., Ed. J. Fahey, Oct. 22, 1924, be filed. Withdrawn.

M. & S.: That letters from the general secretary treasurer pro tem., Ed. J. Fahey, Oct. 22, be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That letter from P. D. Ryan, Oct. 23, 1924, be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That letter from general convention delegates I. U. 310 Oct. 20, 1924, be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That telegram Oct. 20, from I. U. 310 to the convention be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That letter of Oct. 23, 1924, from the delegates of I. U. 310 to the general convention be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That letter from I. U. 310 delegates to general convention of Oct. 21, 1924, be filed. Carried.

New Business

M. & S.: That floor be thrown open for discussion on letter of October 22, from Ed. J. Fahey. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M & S.: That we table the request for finance from Ed. J. Fahey under date of Oct. 22, 1924. Carried.

M. & S.: That floor be thrown open for discussion of communication from P. D. Ryan under date of Oct. 23, 1924. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That communication from P. D. Ryan of Oct. 23, 1924, be destroyed as it does not bear the seal. Carried.

M. & S.: That floor be thrown open for discussion of the communication of Oct. 20, 1924, from delegates of I. U. 310 to general convention. Carried.

M. & S.: That 460 members be given floor under special privilege. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That this body is opposed to having the affairs of the I. W. W. being taken over by a capitalist court. And that we consider the 16th annual convention of the I. W. W. to be constitutional, and we condemn the actions of Wm. Buchwald and P. D. Ryan in refusing to recognize the convention, and in refusing to move the office of I. U. 310 to 1001 W. Madison St. For: H. J. McGuire, M. Lane, Chris Thomas, O. P. Taylor; against, Caesar Tabib and Wm. Newton.

Motion carried.

M. & S.: That the communication of Oct. 20, 1924, from I. U. 310 delegates to general convention be filed for future reference. Carried.

M. & S.: That communication of Oct. 23, 1924, from I. U. 310 delegates to 16th convention be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That telegram from I. U. 310 delegates to general convention, date Oct. 20, 1924, be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That communication from I. U. 310 delegates to general convention, date of Oct. 22, be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That these minutes be typewritten and copies be sent to general secretary-treasurer pro tem., delegates of I. U. 310 to 16th convention, chairman of the convention, P. D. Ryan and Wm. Buchwald. Carried.

M. & S.: That minutes be accepted as read. Carried.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned at 10 p. m.

(Signed) G. N. Gross, Chairman, X100407;
Sidney Weise, Rec. Sec. I. U. 310, No. 365393.
H. J. McGuire, X91532; Christ Thomas, 833980;
Caesar Tabib, 192383; Bill Newton, 267255;
Mile Lane, X 9027.

Minutes of I. U. No. 460 business meeting, Denver, Colo., read as follows:

Special I. U. 460 meeting, Sunday, Oct. 26, 1924. called to order at 6 p. m. by stationary delegate, Bernice Ellis. Nominations for chairman. Fellow Workers E. E. Brown and Paul Warren. F. W. Warren declines. Moved and seconded that Fellow Worker Brown be elected by acclamation. Carried

Conductor reports seven No. 460 members in good standing (two without cards) and seven members of other I. U.'s.

M. & S.: That conductors' report be accepted. Carried.

M. & S.: That members of 460 without cards be seated with voice and vote. Carried.

Nominations for recording secretary: Fellow Workers Van Dilman and Fitzgerald. F. W. Fitzgerald declines. Van Dilman elected by acclamation.

M. & S.: That we proceed to new business. Carried.

New Business

M. & S.: That No. 460 elect a permanent stationary delegate. Carried.

M. & S.: That floor be thrown open for discussion. Carried.

M. & S.: That floor be closed to discussion. Carried.

Nominations for stationary delegate: Fellow Workers E. E. Brown, Bernice Ellis, W. J. Fitzgerald. Moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Fellow Workers Brown and Ellis decline. F. W. Fitzgerald elected.

M. & S.: That we refer back to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That floor be thrown open for discussion. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That we instruct secretary to write chairman of general convention at Chicago, concurring with the three questions published in Solidarity of Oct. 22, 1924; also sanctioning general convention. Carried.

M. & S.: That these minutes be typewritten and copies sent to chairman of general convention, E. V. Wallis and general secretary-treasurer. Carried.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Meeting closed with 15 members present.

(Signed) E. E. Brown, X191158, Chairman;
J. A. Van Dilman, 842382, Rec. Sec'y.

Filed for future reference, with no objection.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That we proceed with Auditing Committee report. Carried.

Reading clerk requested, nominations open. Cole and Mann nominated.

M. & S. That nominations be closed. Carried.

Cole elected.

Motion before the house regarding I. U. No. 440 books.

Report of Auditing Committee Elected from Floor of Convention

Majority report:

	Cash Ex.	Cash Rec.
January	$ 836.69	$ 869.15
February	1,049.39	1,186.34
March	1,013.37	968.87
April	1,011.75	1,016.69
May	1,006.29	1,033.04
June	753.16	746.21
July	495.67	436.00
Total	$6,166.32	$6,256.30
Cash on hand	205.94	
Total	$6,256.30	
Expenses	6,256.30	.....
Cash Balance	$ 115.96	

We have also checked over the vouchers and receipts contested by the auditing committee elected by the Chicago branch of I. U. 440 in conjunction with the auditor elected by the convention of I. U. 440 and verified their statements and are submitting their report. We have found $115.96 cash balance unaccounted for and their report shows that amount charged to M. Raddock along with other amounts charged to him.

We also found that some of the reports have been so mutilated that the address of the delegate was unreadable. — AUDITING COMMITTEE: Claude Erwin, Chairman; Elmer Swanson, Elmer Rumbaugh, Chas. Anderson, J. Sanjour.

Minority report: I found some receipts that I think should not be contested.—Frank Grad.

Report of Auditing Committee on 440 Main Office Books

Chicago, Ill., October 11th, 1924.

Fellow Workers:

The undersigned, elected at regular meeting of Chicago Branch, M. & M. W. I. U. No. 440 to audit the accounts of 440 Main Office in conjunction with Fellow Worker Louis Chuba, who was elected by the fifth convention of M. & M. W. I. U. No. 440, submit the following report of account from January 1st to July 29th, 1924:

RECEIPTS

Dues	$2,904.50
Initiations	996.00
Other union dues & initiations	817.00
General Defense, ass.	85.00
Bond stamps	65.00
Personal deposits	472.00
Rent	108.00
Literature, papers, etc.	833.13
Supplies, etc	185.29
Cash balance	1,833.35
Industrial Union ass.	552.50
Collections, donations, etc.	2,684.87
Total Gross Receipts	$11,536.64
Cash on hand January 1, 1924	205.94
Grand Total	$11,742.58

EXPENSES

Per capita	$ 200.00
Supplies	322.24
Allowance O. U. report	1,143.65
Strikes, etc	183.60
General Defense	133.85
Bonds	92.00
Personal deposits	93.50
Rent	1,040.50
Paper and subs.	826.17
Stationery	512.27
Cash balance	1,687.56
Printing, etc.	785.29
Postage, express, etc.	375.90
Mileage	644.37
Main Office salaries	1,585.00
Wages and commission	2,000.72
Total Gross Expenses	$11,626.62

Recapitulation of Gross Receipts and Expenses

Gross recpts. from 1-1-24 to 7-29-24	$11,536.64
Gross exp. from 1-1-24 to 7-29-24	11,626.62
Deficit from 1-1-24 to 7-29-24	$ 89.98

Recapitulation Cash Receipts & Expenses

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924	$ 205.94
Cash receipts from Jan. 1 to July 29	6,166.32
Total	$6,372.26
Cash expenses from Jan. 1 to July 29	6,256.30
*Cash held by M. Raddock	$ 115.96

*We attach to this report signed statement by Raddock to the effect that no moneys of any kind were turned over to the general office.

We find a difference between the ledger and check book on Main Office salaries. The check book shows $1,766.00 for Main Office salaries, while the ledger shows only $1,585.00 On investigation we find that Main Office salaries had been entered in ledger under head of wages and commissions.

We also found numerous expenditures receipted for by personal receipts and other items which do not look legitimate to the committee, as follows:

Fred. W. Bowerman's Accounts

Report No. 161, Feb. 1, 1924:	
Taxi fares (personal recpt)	$ 3.88
Expenses for lock	5.00
Report No. 196, Feb. 25, 1924:	
Taxi rides	1.20
Misc. personal receipts	7.22
Report No. 334, Mar. 31, 1924:	
Taxi rides in Chicago	2.85
Report No. 467, May 10, 1924:	
Tickets South Bend and return	24.72
Taxi rides	.65
Report No. 503, May 22, 1924 (per. rec.):	
Gasoline for Willet's car	1.00
Railroad fare (per. rec.)	.95
Report No. 599, June 10, 1924:	
Car fares (per. rec.)	1.00
Report No. 624, June 16, 1924:	
Miscellaneous expenses (per. rec.)	4.95
Report No. 640, June 23, 1924:	
Gasoline and car fares (per rec.)	2.75
Wages over amount on receipt	10.00
Report No. 680, June 30, 1924:	
Taxi & telegrams (per. rec.)	12.06
Report No. 713, July 3, 1924:	
Car fares, postage, etc. (per. rec.)	3.00
Total contested on reports	$ 82.23
Advance to Bowerman from Gen. Office	$ 100.00
Grand Total for which Bowerman is responsible	$ 182.23
Corrected (by auditing committee) to	$ 181.23

Alfred Anderson's Accounts

Report No. 177, Feb. 28, 1924:	
Car fares (personal rec.)	$ 3.09
Receipt signed by A. Peterson	6.18
Total on Anderson's accounts	$ 9.27

M. Costello's Accounts

Report No. 209, Feb. 27, 1924:	
R. R. fares (per rec.)	2.50
Report No. 459, May I, 1924:	
Expense item allowed on personal rec.	25.00
Report No. 602, June 10, 1924:	
For lumber on personal receipt	4.15
Total contested items on Costello's accounts	$ 31.65

Raddock's Accounts

Report No. 178, Feb. 29, 1924:	
Overcharges on rent recpt. of J. Szabo	$ 1.00
Auto lamps	1.00
Crew meals	2.00
Report No 222, Feb. 21, 1924:	
Charges for auto chains	7.00
Taxi rides	1.65
Towing auto (personal rec.)	5.00
*Passing out handbills	15.00
Coffee for crew (personal rec.)	.65
Report No. 333, Mar. 3, 1924:	
Two fares to South Bend and return	12.36
Taxi rides	3.60
Misc. trips Cleveland and return	57.37
Report No. 437, April 30, 1924:	
Gasoline-oil (personal receipt)	1.04
Report No. 556, May 31, 1924:	
Meals for crew (personal rec.)	5.00
**Trip to Waukegan and return	2.50
Passing out handbills	5.00
Report No. 678, June 30, 1924:	
For picture frame	3.50
Report No. 190, Feb. 25, 1924 (W. J. Willet's rept.):	
Wages, no receipt	20.00
Lunch, gasoline, etc. (no recpt.)	5.00
Check No. 345 for postage, no receipt	15.00
Check No. 392, adv. chgd. on del. ledger	25.00
Money held by Raddock according to his own figures	115.96
Total charged against Raddock	$ 304.63

Summary of Contested Items Which We Consider Illegitimate Expenses

Fred W. Bowerman	$ 182.23
Alfred Anderson	9.27
M. Costello	31.65
M. Raddock	304.63
Grand Total Illegitimate Expenses	$ 527.78

Notes:

* Committee has signed statements to the effect that no handbills were passed out on these trips but that they were for other purposes.

** This receipt is for $2.50 as railroad fare to

Waukegan and return and is signed by Raddock himself. This is an overcharge of 24 cents as the return fare to and from Waukegan is $2.26. This is sufficient to show how the custom of accepting personal receipts is open to serious abuse.

We found that all addresses on delegate reports had been covered over with shellac so as to make it impossible to get the addresses of delegates.

No cancelled checks were found for the month of July and some were missing for the month of June. These are in the hands of Raddock and he refuses to turn over same. However, we found receipts on hand covering all except those mentioned otherwise in this report.

(Signed) **Louis Chuba, Card 706038;**
Walter Cairl, No. 183045;
J. Edenstrom, No. 12988;
Norman Weir, No. 779404.

Oct. 11, 1924.

P. S.—We have also audited No. 440 Main Office books from July 29 to Oct. 1 and find all accounts correct with proper receipts for all expenses.

Chicago, Ill., October 3, 1924.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Sometime in the middle of the last week in February, 1924, F. W. Willets, member of I. U. No. 440, approached me in the 110 hall at 601 West Madison St., in regard to making a trip to South Bend in his car, with other fellow workers, for the purpose of educating new members on how to hold business meetings. I told him I was willing to go. We met in Raddock's office at 1001 West Madison St., and there met Williams, member of 120, Pete Medinger, member of 310, and Willits. Raddock offered to pay us one day's wages and our room rent in South Bend for that night, and to pay our meals. In fact, to pay all expenses. Raddock also told Willets in the office that it would be all right to buy cigars and eats for the boys on this trip, and charge it up to the organization.

We left Chicago in the afternoon, stopped in Gary for eats, and in Michigan City for gasoline, and also purchased several extra bulbs for the car, which were not used. Arrived at South Bend about 10 or 11 o'clock. We met Raddock in the hall on the outskirts of the town where the meeting was supposed to be held, and he informed us that it was too late for the meeting, as it had been adjourned when we arrived. We talked for a few minutes in the hall, and from what I could see of the members present, there were few if any new members among them. We picked up Raddock and went up town and ate, Raddock paying the bill and purchasing cigars. Also offered to buy whiskey if it could be obtained.

Raddock asked us if we wanted to spend the night there, but some of the members, wishing to save the organization money, vetoed the suggestion. Before starting back to Chicago, Raddock bought Willits a pair of skid chains that cost $7.50, and we started for Chicago again. Just after we got out of Michigan City the car broke down and had to be towed to the next town, where Willits had the car repaired, and Raddock paid the bill. Upon arriving in Chicago, Raddock gave us about 50 cents each breakfast money. Later I went up to his office and was paid $5, for which I signed a receipt marked "Distributing leaflets." Each of the other fellows also signed a receipt marked the same way. They were the regular organization receipts. The entire trip, I feel certain, must have cost around $50 or more.

Before leaving Chicago, the members of different industrial unions were told it was unnecessary for us to have our cards, which looked very funny to me.

I was told of two previous trips of the same nature by Raddock and Willits, and was asked if I cared to go on the next one, the following week. Having seen that nothing had been accomplished, and things looked phoney, I declined. I wondered why they were willing to spend money on meals, wages, tobacco and drinks in this manner, and accomplish nothing. Their purpose being to educate the members of the South Bend branch, and no one of those chosen to go was really qualified for this work. It struck me as being peculiar that he did not get 440 members instead of members of other industrial unions.

Harry Lewis, X-61851.
R. M. Frederick, X-136727
Norman Weir, 779606
Harry Grummer, 146670

Witnesses

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 7, 1924.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Sometime during the month of February, I was asked by Raddock to go to South Bend to accomplish a certain thing. We were told to come up to the Main Office of I. U. 440. There were several other fellow workers in the bunch. When we were up in the office Raddock told us to leave our cards, valuables and any other identification in the office, and when we came back from the trip we could get them from him again. We left about three o'clock in the afternoon in Fellow Worker Willits' machine. There were five of us in the machine. Raddock, Bowerman and Anderson went down by train.

We went to make a certain delinquent delegate come across with his supplies. Also to pay for any that he was short. On the way down we were treated with smokes and eats quite frequently as it was nice and cold. All this was paid out of organization funds. When we got down there the other three were holding a meeting.

After the meeting we proceeded to this fellow's house, but he was not at home. All that they got was a few supplies and a tool box. This was, to my opinion, a very expensive trip. On the way

home Raddock came back in the machine. Anderson and another fellow worker went by train. All the meals, cigars, trainfare, and repairs for the machine were paid out of I. U. 440 funds.

When we reached Chicago the next morning we were told to come up to the office in the afternoon and get a check for one day's work.

I know that these trips were made more than once by Raddock, and every time they took several with them. Now I think that this is no way to spend the money for the organization, when this same could have been done without this expense. And in this way they wasted money more than once. I know of several fellow workers that were taken along on different trips to South Bend, and were always treated in the same way.

Earle E. Diener, X-34150; Del. R4-300.

Chicago, Ill., July 29, 1924.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that upon examining the office of I. U. 440 desks and files, etc., there was no cash, money orders, checks, or other money or currency found on hand. Furthermore, there was no weapon of any kind found.

M. Raddock.
Tom Doyle.

E. W. Latchem
Arthur Linn
James Morris

Witnesses.

M. & S. (Henrikson-Oberman): That we accept majority report of Auditing Committee. Carried unanimously.

Auditing Committee reports in regard to General Defense, via Erwin:

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the books and vouchers of the General Defense and found the report of the previous auditing committee correct. (For financial statement we refer you to the General Office Financial Statement).

For all expenditures we found receipts on entries (which were satisfactorily explained by the secretary as withdrawals and re-entered), except one entry of $11.24, August 6, for postage. (This was also noted by the previous auditing committee. The secretary could not tell what had become of the receipt.)

(Signed) **Claude Erwin, Chairman; Chas. Anderson, Ruth Rumbaugh, Elmer Rumbaugh, Elmer Swanson, J. Sanjour, Frank Grad.**

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we accept report of auditing committee, and that receipt of $11.24 be credited as O. K., and secretary of Defense be given credit. Carried.

Report of Auditing Committee accepted as progress. No objection.

Chas. Anderson herewith resigned from auditing committee, and asked to be relieved of duty on same.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Leonard, 310): That resignation of F. W. Anderson be accepted. Carried.

Nominations opened to fill vacancy on auditing committee.

W. H. Thompson elected by acclamation.

Communication from Jas. E. Morris read as follows:

October 28, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman 16th Convention, I. W. W., Chicago, Illinois.

Fellow Worker:

At the suggestion of Ed. Fahey, acting general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., I write you concerning a matter pertaining to Defense which should be brought to the attention of the delegates at this convention.

About three months ago Richard Ford, now serving a life term in the Represa penitentiary, requested me to pay the transportation of his son, Frank R. Ford, to Granite Falls, Washington, where he would remain pending his (Richard Ford's) release. This will take place some time in November.

I brought this matter to the attention of the General Defense Committee and they instructed me to comply with Richard Ford's request. The controversy, however, hindered me from doing this and I now await the instructions of the convention in this matter.

Richard Ford undoubtedly merits this consideration and I ask the general convention to instruct the temporary general administration to authorize this expenditure of $85 for transportation.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours for Industrial Freedom,

JAMES MORRIS, Secretary.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Cole, 110): That we authorize the secretary of the General Defense, James Morris, to pay the transportation of Frank Ford to Granite Falls. Carried unanimously.

Erwin makes report on Los Angeles Defense, as follows:

Report on Los Angeles Office California Branch of General Defense

While at Taft, Calif., in July, I received several communications requesting me to go to Los Angeles to take charge of the Defense office. I finally consented and took over the work on July 23rd.

At this time there were some 14 or 16 members confined in the stockade on charges of violation of the Busick injunction and vagrancy.

There were also about 20 members out on bond. Bonds were $500 to $2,000 each.

There were three members confined in the county jail, held for deportation.

I remained in the Defense office from July 23 to October 2 and endeavored to get a complete record of all raids and arrests in Los Angeles county during the year of 1924.

Attached is a list of arrests and disposal of cases during period of June 27 to October 1, 1924.

The reason I have only covered this period is that I am familiar with all these cases and it marks a period of extreme persecution in Southern California.

During my stay in the Los Angeles office I wrote one leaflet dealing with defense and rewrote or corrected another.

I had some 80,000 leaflets printed and mailed out thousands on mailing lists.

I endeavored from the start to encourage the members arrested to refuse bail as I deemed this the best plan to break the reign of persecution.

The members held a meeting in the stockade and voted against anyone going out on bail unless they were sick or voted out by the majority of the men confined in stockade.

There was some confusion caused by the San Pedro Publicity Committee and the Los Angeles Defense office both appealing for funds. This could hardly be avoided as the funds remitted to the San Pedro Publicity Committee were to be used for carrying on the fight for free speech and the right to sell the I. W. W. papers, while the Defense appeals were for relief of the men in jail and of the victims of the mob violence and legal work and publicity.

The members in San Pedro have not had the support they should have had. A few have consistently carried on the fight for over two years. Others come and go but these few militant workers continue to carry on in the face of the worst persecution imaginable.

They have been in jail so many times they have lost count of them. They have been beaten and mobbed but still they hold on.

From the results it shows that the Busick injunction is losing favor.

The September and October Pioneer contained articles that were very detrimental to the organization in their fight against the powers that be in California.

The office bulletins printed by both factions of the headquarters controversy were detrimental, had they been found on any of the members arrested for violation of the injunction.

I would like to suggest that ways and means be devised to help financially the members who are fighting so valiantly in San Pedro.

I would also suggest that the editor of the I. W. W. publications study the methods of defense used in the courts in California and in the future refrain from printing articles that are not in line with the principles of the organization and have a tendency to tear down all the workers have gained in their long fight against the criminal syndicalism law and the Busick injunction.—**Claude Erwin**, Ex-Sec'y. Los Angeles Office California Branch General Defense.

I. W. W. Members Arrested in Southern California.
June 27, 1924 to October 1, 1924

Total	95
Deportation illegal entry, arrests	6
Deported	3
Balance pending deportation	3
Suspicion criminal syndicalism, arrests	3
Released suspicion criminal syndicalism	3
Balance pending S. C. S.	0
Vagrancy, arrests	3
Convictions, vagrancy	3
Being appealed, vagrancy	2
Injunction, arrests	83
Released, no complaint	12
Brought to trial for alleged violation inj.	33
Dismissed for alleged violation inj.	29
Tried for alleged violation inj.	4
*Convictions for alleged violation inj.	1
Hung juries, for alleged violation inj.	3
Cases pending for alleged violation inj.	37

* P. Ware accepted a court trial and was convicted. Appeal pending.

Summary, June 27 to October 1, 1924

Brought to trial vag., deportation and inj.	39
Conviction on the above	7
Dismissals and hung juries	32
Dismissed as no complaint C. S. and inj.	16
Cases pending inj. and deportation	40
Total	95

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Leonard, 310): That we accept report of F. W. Erwin in regard to Los Angeles Defense. Carried.

Grievance Committee reports, **Mann**, chairman, on floor.

Telegram from Mamie Sandstrom, Business Manager, Industrial Worker, read as follows:

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 24, 1924.

Dan Murray, Delegate to 120 Convention,
223 N. Bernard St., Spokane, Washington.

William Hanley and John Aron boycotted the Industrial Worker and ordered their respective unions to act accordingly. They refused to make payments for debts owing. William Hanley owes two hundred thirty three dollars.—Mamie Sandstrom, Business Manager.

Chicago, Ill., July 23, 1924.

Mamie Sandstrom, Box 1857,
Seattle, Washington.

Cut off all I. U. 110 bundle orders. Order stands until removal of Editor Downing and retraction of article headed Official Notice rump G. E. Rowan, Ryan, Bowerman, Trotter as printed in issue three fifty two. Support to papers with disruptive articles cannot be expected.—Wm. Hanley.

Hanley's statement read as follows:

Wm. Hanley, secretary of I. U. 110 says: That he is willing to pay all debts to the Industrial Worker, providing they recognize the 16th annual general convention as the constitutional convention of the I. W. W. and promises to abide by its decisions and rules and regulations of the general organization.—Wm. Hanley, per Fred Mann.

Report of majority read as follows:

We find that Wm. Hanley has suspended the bundle orders of Industrial Worker for publishing statements contrary to the decisions of the 1923 and

1922 general conventions which he considered to be illegal and disruptive. And whereas the copies of Issue 351 presented to your committee prove his statements to be true, we therefore recommend that Wm. Hanley be instructed to pay all debts to the Industrial Worker providing they recognize and abide by the rulings of this convention, repudiate and condemn the injunction and all acts emanating from Rowan et al. since the beginning of the present controversy.—Fred Mann, Chairman Majority.

Minority report is identical, except that they wish that the following line be left out:

"and condemns the injunction and all acts emanating from Jas. Rowan et al since the beginning of the present controversy."

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Hanson, 110): That we concur with majority report. Record vote.

Vote follows: 110—Mann, yes; Oberman, yes; Fisher, no; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Swanson, no; Anderson, no; Nelson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, yes; 510—Speed, not voting; Walquist, not voting; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes. Lost. 9 for, 13 against; 2 not voting.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Erwin, 230): That matter be referred back to Grievnce Committee for redrafting.

Amend. (Oates, 210-220-Schwandt, 330): That this convention go on record as recommending that all industrial unions pay their legitimate paper bills. Record vote:

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Mann, 110): That the 16th General Convention of the I. W. W. condemn the editor of the Industrial Worker for publishing matters of controversial nature, in violation of the rulings of past conventions.

Gray and Broman arrived at 3:55 p. m.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Gray, 110): That we table the motion. Carried.

Case of Blossom, Lorton and Quinlan brought up by Grievance Committee.

Resolution No. 4, San Francisco:

In regard to the claim of James Rowan, P. D. Ryan, Fred Bowerman and H. E. Trotter that Fred Fisher and Tom Doyle caused the suspension of Bert Lorton, Card 5350; James Quinlan, Card 16883; and Fred Bossom, Card 803250, in violation of Article No. 3 of the general constitution by-laws, we find that such claim is absurd, as it can be proven by the minutes of the fifteenth convention that more than two days were taken up by the delegates to the said convention in discussing the commutation, and the charges brought up by Kane and Blossom.

And further do we find that Article 3 in the general by-laws provides a way in which charges may be brought up; and whereas the above mentioned suspended members from the very start disregarded this article by broadcasting slanderous letters and circulars in which they charged other members with deeds that were of no real organization importance.

Therefore, we the members of San Francisco, Calif., Branch of the M. T. W. I. U. 510 of the I. W. W. uphold the action of Tom Doyle and Joe Fisher in suspending these members; as such action was taken by them in good faith and in accord with ruling laid down by convention.

And further, we demand that the delegates from the 510 convention to the general convention do everything within their power to see that Bert Lorton, 5350; James Quinlan, 16883, and Fred Blossom, 803250, be permanently expelled from the organization.

Don't mourn for them, but organize.

Resolution committee concurs and reaffirms the action taken by 1922 and 1923 general conventions in regard to carrying on controversies outside of the regular organization channels.

Majority report read:

Grievance from I.U. 510: That the expulsion of Lorton, Quinlan and Blossom for the violation of general convention ruling of 1923 be submitted to referendum ballot.

Majority report: Chuba (440), Leonard (310), Murray (120).

Minority report read:

I. U. 510 Grievance:

Whereas, Dr. Frederick A. Blossom, Bert Lorton and Quinlan have wilfully violated the ruling and decision of the 1922 and 1923 general conventions relative to carrying on controversies within the organization by flooding the I. W. W. membership with leaflets and propaganda matter outside the regular channels of the organization, and

Whereas, This propaganda has created chaos and disruption within our ranks, therefore

Be It Resolved, That this convention expel Frederick A. Bossom, Bert Lorton and James Quinlan from the I. W. W. for all time.

Henrikson, 330, Mann, 110, minority grievance committee.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Walquist, 510): That we concur with minority report.

Question called for by Speed. Five speakers. House supports call.

Motion carried; record vote 17-8.

Record vote on Blossom et al.:

I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes; (120)

Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray no, (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates not voting; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no, Anderson no; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes.

Anderson, Nelson, voting no on account of instructions. Erwin and Grad voting no because they believe last year's convention ruling was a violation of the constitution.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Hanson, 110): That we reaffirm the stand of the last General Convention in regard to all controversy.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Schwandt, 330): That motion be tabled. Carried.

Broman reported here for Administration Committee.

We went to the office of the Master in Chancery at the courtroom in this injunction proceedings, and we found that the complainants' lawyers did not appear, so it is postponed, and the date set for Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. On the way back, Griffith was walking down the street. We met, and he told me he would come up here tomorrow around 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Gray:—The Master in Chancery telephoned this character (Rowan's attorney), and phoned all parts of the town trying to get him, and then bawled him out good over the phone. He told him he was wasting his time, we were wasting ours, the convention was wasting theirs. You have to be here at 10:00 o'clock Friday. He said you fellows had better get that fixed up. I would suggest that you would let all parties know the foregoing, as you will have all day tomorrow for investigation of this controversy, and can start at 9:00 o'clock if you so desire, as the day is entirely free.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Cole, 110): That report of temporary Administration Committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

Report of Frank Gallagher brought up here; read as follows:

Report to the General Convention of the I. W. W. By the Business Manager of Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer

Fellow Workers:

I find by looking over the books that Industrial Solidarity took on a continual drop in circulation from about October, 1923, until about the last week in March. The exact figures are given on a sheet attached to this report. Starting from the first week in April, 1924, there was a steady increase in circulation of both Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer until in July both papers were on a paying basis and Industrial Solidarity was selling about three hundred copies per week for which the returns were pure profit.

In the last week in July the present internal controversy broke out, and a boycott on payments to this office went into effect. We tried to keep circulation up on a credit basis, hoping that the branches would eventually see the necessity of maintaining an I. W. W. press no matter what differences of opinion there might be in regard to other policies. However, the continuance of the boycott in certain quarters eventually forced us to curtail circulation, as our expenses were beginning to be much greater than our income. At present the circulation of Industrial Solidarity is not more than eight thousand, and the circulation of Industrial Pioneer is about the same. It was also necessary to reduce the number of pages from six to four in the Industrial Solidarity, and to cut down on the number of new pictures in Industrial Pioneer, for financial reasons.

Everything possible was done to counteract the effect of the boycott and to preserve the circulation of these two papers. Circular letters were sent to every member we could get in touch with, explaining the situation at headquarters, and pointing out that the papers were the propaganda organs of the I. W. W., and not involved in the internal controversy. However, owing to misinformation circulated against us, and the apathy and bewilderment of the membership, failure of circulation was inevitable.

Since holding this job as manager, I have tried many schemes to interest members in their press. I do not think these efforts met with the success they merited. There was usually an immediate response to the argument for bigger circulation, which did not last. Increased bundle orders were decreased later, a sure sign that the organization as a whole was weakly supporting the press, and that the news agents were not able to get men to take out the papers. The falling off of sales, I have reason to believe, affected all the other papers, foreign language press and the Industrial Worker likewise, and this decrease was started before any open controversy broke out. I believe it reflects the general inactivity of the whole organization, all departments, and such artificial bursts of enthusiasm as we were able to develop among news agents were lost in the general apathy.

In the first place it seems really deplorable that with a membership of 40,000 we are not able to sell at least that number of the official organ of the I. W. W. Every member should have a subscription, to send to some friend or relative or acquaintance, if he cannot for any reason receive it himself. I am in favor of establishing a dollar dues, and giving every member a subscription.

Then there must be an extensive campaign to get all members in the I. W. W. and all sympathizers to take a subscription in addition to this to give away. Certainly every member can afford to give away one I. W. W. paper a week to the men he works with. Agitation for sale of bundle orders should also be continued. It is shameful for any member going into a new camp not to have at least a small bundle order of I. W. W. papers along with him to sell when he gets there.

I am in favor of raising the price of Industrial Pioneer to 25 cents. This would provide an extra three hundred dollars or more, in normal times, to secure special and interesting photographs, to hire artists, and so to improve the appearance of the magazine that an increased sale would immediately follow.

Furthermore I recommend that all papers should be sold on a cash basis, or at least with a very limited and short time credit provision, to prevent the piling up of large outstanding bills, very depressing to the branches or individuals who have eventually to pay them, if they are ever paid. Our books will show that about a quarter of the money we should receive for paper sales never gets to us at all, even in normal times. This is a heavy burden to the papers, and seems like a reflection on the ability of the manager, whereas it is nothing of the sort, since as things stand we are practically forced to extend credit to branches and unions, and to trust them absolutely. And sometimes they violate our trust.

As for the make-up, editorials, news items, stories, etc., of both publications, I am sure that none can dispute our claim of turning out the best working class publications in the English language.

Thanking you for your attention and with best wishes for the success of this convention, I remain,

Yours for Industrial Freedom,

F. J. GALLAGHER,

Business Manager of Industrial Solidarity and The Industrial Pioneer

Bundle Orders, Solidarity:

Date	Issue No.	Amt.	Date	Issue No.	Amt.
10- 6-23	257	$345.98	4-12-24	284	252.97
10-13-23	258	350.13	4-19-24	285	281.38
10-20-23	259	347.90		286	298.01
10-27-23	260	368.08	4-26-24	287	486.73
11- 3-23	261	311.69	5- 3-24	288	285.12
11-10-23	262	311.69	5- 7-24	289	265.92
11-17-23	263	375.29	5-14-24	290	272.30
11-24-23	264	330.60	5-21-24	291	282.99
12- 1-23	265	308.95	5-28-24	292	279.19
12- 8-23	266	266.40	6- 4-24	293	418.69
12-15-23	267	348.99	6-11-24	294	277.95
12-22-23	268	264.99	6-18-24	295	244.80
12-29-23	269	274.26	6-25-24	296	353.01
1- 5-24	270	259.94	7- 2-24	297	405.75
1-12-24	271	259.92	7- 9-24	298	279.06
1-19-24	272	286.26	7-16-24	299	324.63
1-26-24	273	294.36	7-23-24	300	381.63
2- 2-24	274	270.30	7-30-24	301	304.56
2- 9-24	275	270.45	8- 6-24	302	316.59
2-16-24	276	306.16	8-13-24	303	262.35
2-23-24	277	260.61	8-20-24	304	257.04
3- 1-24	278	272.00	8-27-24	305	399.81
3- 8-24	279	273.52	9- 3-24	306	294.45
3-15-24	280	249.06	9-10-24	307	252.99
3-22-24	281	242.46	9-17-24	308	275.49
3-29-24	282	256.11	9-24-24	309	344.64
4- 5-24	283	265.56			

Total for year	$16,069.71
Total Accounts Receivable, Oct. 1, '23	1,530.86
Total Accounts Receivable Oct. 1, '24	3,635.20
Increase during the year	$ 2,104.34
Total amount bundle orders chgd	$16,069.71
Total amt. dur'g the year accts receiv	2,104.34
Balance	$13,965.37
Total received during the year	13,366.59
Lost on bundle orders during the yr.	598.78

Lost, 3 per cent.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Mattson, 210-220): That report of F. W. Gallagher be accepted, and recommendations turned over to Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Gray—Announcement.

Fellow Worker J. M. Reilly, secretary I. U. 230, goes out of office tomorrow, and the administration committee is figuring on putting 230 in the box, temporarily. Kindly give us some instruction in this regard. There will be no election, and there is no one to take this place. Besides, 230 really belongs in the box.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330 - Cole, 110): That we place I. U. No. 230 in the box, temporarily. Carried.

Communication from South Superior, read as follows:

South Superior, Wyo., Oct. 26, 1924.

Meeting called to order by CM-385 at 1:30 p. m. Nomination and election of presiding officers. Card No. 793444 nominated for chairman and elected by acclamation.

M. & S.: That the floor be opened for discussion on communication from chairman of general convention and that it be acted on seriatim. Carried.

M. & S.: That we pledge full recognition and support to general convention on Question No. 1. Carried.

M. & S.: That we approve of the action taken by the convention in session. Carried.

M. & S.: That we recognize power in present convention in session to suspend, investigate and bring all officials involved in controversy to trial and render verdict on same. Carried.

M. & S.: That we send a telegram to chairman of of the convention pledging full recognition and support to convention in session and also send a copy of these minutes by mail. Carried.

Adjourned at 4:30 p. m.; 18 members present.

(Signed) Card No. 793,444, Chairman;
CM4-385, Secretary.

Communication from De Kalb, Ill., read as follows:

De Kalb, Ill., Oct. 28, 1924.

To I. W. W. 16th General Convention.

Fellow Workers:

De Kalb branch 440 of I. W. W. special meeting

held the 27th of this month decided on the questions required as follows:

First: We consider this 16th I.W.W. convention a bona fide convention of the I. W. W. and the delegates in this convention empowered to deal with any and all questions that may come before this convention.

Second: We approve the action taken in regard to the controversy and accept the convention as the administrator of our organization affairs through the temporary administration elected for this purpose, and working under the jurisdiction of this convention.

Third: We consider this convention is empowered to suspend temporarily officials from their offices and investigate such officials, place them on trial and render a verdict in their case.

Uno Seppala, Chairman;
Sylvester Peura, Branch Sec'y.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

SIXTEENTH DAY—Thursday, Oct. 30th
MORNING SESSION

Session called to order by P. J. Welinder, Chairman.

All delegates present except Mann, Fisher, Jordan, Gray, (excused for committee duty).

Mann and Jordan arrived at 9:05 a. m.

Minutes of yesterday's session read by S. J. Cole, reading clerk.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Erwin, 230): That minutes be accepted as corrected, subject to final reading. Carried.

Communication from Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio, read as follows:

Ashtabula, O., Oct. 28, 1924.

To the Sixteenth General Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Workers:

Ashtabula R. R. W. I. U. No. 520 branch, in its regular meeting of October 28, 1924, made the following resolution concerning the present convention of the I. W. W.:

Whereas, F. W. P. J. Welinder was elected Chairman, and L. McCarthy recording secretary, we consider this convention to be a bona fide convention of the I. W. W., and the delegates in this convention empowered to deal with any and all questions that may come before this convention.

(2) We approve of the action taken in regards to the controversy, and accept the convention as the administration of our organization affairs through the temporary administration committee elected for this purpose and working under the jurisdiction of this convention.

(3) We consider that this convention is empowered to suspend, temporarily, officials from their offices and investigate such officials and place them on trial and render a verdict in their case.

The above was unanimously approved of in our meeting by all the members present, 17 in good standing. (Signed) John Palo, Chairman; W. Waliia, Recording Secretary.

Minutes from Sudbury, Ontario, branch read and filed, having been already incorporated in the minutes by wire. Minutes from Centralia, Wash., were read as follows:

Special L. W. I. U. 120 Meeting, Centralia, Wash.

Called to order by branch secretary on October 25, 1924, at 2 p. m.

Nine 120 members present, in good standing.

F. W. Hayden elected chairman.

F. W. Skoglund elected recording secretary.

M. & S. That the statement of the G. E. B. consisting of P. D. Ryan et al, dated October 18, 1924, be taken up seriatim. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with No. 1. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with No. 2. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with No. 3. Lost.

M. & S. That the delegates to the General Convention live up to Article 5, Section 11, of the General Constitution as near as possible. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with No. 4, and that it also include the employes of the Industrial Pioneer. Carried.

M. & S. That the floor be thrown open for discussion on No. 5. Carried.

M. & S. That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. That we do not concur with No. 5. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with the resolution Whereas, All the chairmen of the various Industrial Unions are the G. E. B. We recommend to the G. O. C.'s of all industrial unions the temporary suspension of all G. O. C. chairmen until such a time as the present controversy is settled and the guilty parties are removed. Carried.

M. & S. That we instruct the branch secretary to notify the convention of our action by night letter. Carried.

M. & S. That we adjourn.

Adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

W. S. Hayden, X-92977, Chairman.
R. Skoglund, 731353, Recording Secretary.
R. W. Gudge, Branch Secretary.

Telegram from Sacramento, Calif., read as follows:

FOLLOWING MOTION CARRIED AT THREE TEN MEETING: THAT WE RECOGNIZE DELEGATES NOW IN SESSION IN CHICAGO AS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, AND GRANT THEM THE RIGHT TO EXERCIZE THEIR POWER TO CARRY OUT THE THREE POINTS MENTIONED IN SOLIDARITY OF OCTOBER 22nd. MINUTES FOLLOW. B. KELSO, CHAIRMAN; JACK ODELL, BRANCH SECRETARY.

Fellow Worker Chas. Gray arrived at 9:45 a. m.

Tom Doyle is requested to take floor on matter of controversy; to explain his position, and be examined.

Fred Fisher arrived at 10:25 a. m.

Doyle's investigation was taken up where he left off yesterday, with the fourth questioner. Finished

at 12:15 p. m. No action taken, as no action will be taken on any individual until entire investigation is over.

Communication from San Francisco, from Pete Stone, read.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Erwin, 230): That this wire come up for action first thing tomorrow morning.

Wire from Spokane read as follows:

SPOKANE BRANCH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION IN CHICAGO, ILL. JAMES HENEY, BRANCH SECRETARY.

Wire from San Pedro, Calif., read as follows:

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS, SAN PEDRO, ENDORSED CONVENTION STAND AT ITS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING. ROGER FRANXEZON, BRANCH SECRETARY.

Wire from San Francisco, Calif., read as follows:

WE, THE MEMBERS OF I. U. 330 OF THE I. W. W., SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, IN MEETING ASSEMBLED, GO ON RECORD AS DECLARING THE PRESENT CONVENTION, P. J. WELINDER, CHAIRMAN, AS CONSTITUTIONAL, AND APPROVE AND AFFIRM THEIR RIGHT TO SUSPEND GENERAL OFFICIALS AND OTHERS, AND TO INSTITUTE A PROVISIONAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION TO SUPERVISE OVER GENERAL AFFAIRS PRO TEMPORE,—(SIGNED) COMMITTEE:—W. R. PARKER, 240,-104; PETE BEAZLEY, 770007; X. MATHEW TRUTH, X-65649; BRANCH SEC'Y, H. DRESCHLER. SEAL, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION 330, SAN FRANCISCO.

Minutes of South Chicago 510 branch read as follows:

Regular Business Meeting of the South Chicago Branch of I. U. 510.

October 30, 1924.

Meeting called to order by stationary delegate at 7:30 p. m.

H. Lehndorf elected Chairman, and E. Fox Recording Secretary; Barrow, Conductor.

Conductor reports 10 members present in good standing.

Reading of minutes of last meeting.

M. & S. That the minutes of previous meeting be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That the reports of delegates to the General Convention be accepted as progress. Carried.

Secretary's financial report.

M. & S. That the branch secretary's report be accepted, subject to the findings of the auditing committee. Carried.

M. & S. That the floor be thrown open for discussion. Carried.

M. & S. That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. That we agree with Question No. 1 of the Official Statement sent out by the General Convention. Carried.

M. & S. That we agree with Question No. 2. Carried.

M. & S. That we agree with Question No. 3. Carried.

M. & S. That this body goes on record to expell the injunctioneers forever. Carried.

M. & S. That we adjourn. Carried.

H. Lehndorff, Chairman.
E. Fox, Recording Secretary.
Adolfo Garcia, Branch Secretary.

Minutes of Special I. U. No. 310 Meeting—Seattle, Wash., read as follows:

Special I. U. 310 Meeting called to order by C4-762 October 26, 1924, for the purpose of acting on the questions of the delegates of the General Convention. Held at Seattle, Washington.

Jas. Lance elected Chairman.

Chas. Humphries elected Recording Secretary.

Conductor reports 28 members present in good standing.

M. & S. That communications pertaining to the General Convention be read. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with special meeting held in Portland, Oregon, October 22, 1924, in regards to instructing Buchwald and Ryan to recognize the General Convention. Carried.

M. & S. That we table the above motion for future reference. Lost.

Original motion carried.

M. & S. That the question from the general convention be taken up seriatim. Carried.

Point No. 1.

M. & S. That the floor be thrown open for discussion on Point No. 1. Carried.

M. & S. That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. That we recognize the general convention as a bona fide legislative body of the I. W. W. and that we accept their ruling subject to referendum by the rank and file.

Amended. That we do not recognize the authority of the convention to set themselves up as an executive body and that no ruling of the convention or of the temporary administration committee shall be acepted as final until it is carried by referendum. Action taken to lift injunction shall be sole exception. Carried.

Point No. 2.

M. & S. That we concur with Point No. 2. Carried.

Point No. 3.

M. & S. That we concur with Point No. 3, providing all action taken on suspended officials is ratified by referendum vote. Carried.

M. & S. That we go on record as being in favor of canning Buchwald and Ryan and that we call for seconds from all I. U. 310 branches. Carried.

M. & S. That a committee of three be elected to draw up telegram notifying convention of action taken at this meeting. Carried.

M. & S. That we instruct voluntary stationary delegate to pay for telegram out of I. U. 310 funds. Carried.

M. & S. That Anderson, Lance and Humphries be elected by aeclamation on committee to notify convention. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

James Lance, 416897, Chairman.

Chas. Humphries, 365387, Rec. Sec'y.

Gust Miller, 216193; Frank Wagner, 796251; C. E. Webster, 789754; Ed. Hanlon, X-69660; Fred Alexander, X-151307; R. Nicholson, 53234; Fred Hanson, 242100; Pat Murray, 826489; Frank Unger, X-75302; Frank Bross, 777067; J. E. Williamson, 205239; Ed. J. O'Donnell, 139137; Sam Anderson, 174670; Wm. Strandberg, X-104008; Peter Anderson, 224486; Sig Flor, 310690; Andrew Zovicich, X-129959; Oscar Ericson, 791155; A. Nelson, X-167838; H. M. Hill, 779805; W. Cummings, X-163399; Matt Erickson, 758757; John Peterson, 53954; Gust W. Carlson, X-98000; John Brinkman, C4-762; R. B. Parsons, X-25001.

Minutes of M. M. W. I. U. No. 440, read as follows:

Meeting called to order by F. W. Vietor Johnson.

Ed Luoma eleeted Chairman.

Geo. Pakkala elected Recording Secretary.

Seventeen members in good standing present.

M. & S. (Matt Leppela-Geo. Pakkala): That we, the members of the I. W. W., go on record as being in favor of the action taken by the duly elected delegates of the 16th Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W. Carried.

M. & S. (Matt Leppela-Geo. Pakkala): That any official who has taken part in the controversy at the main office shall not be eligible to hold office in the I. W. W. for at least two years. Carried.

The above have been taken from the minutes of our meeting held Wednesday, October 29, 1924. Yours for the I. W. W. Ed Luomi, 784949, Chairman; Geo. Pakkala, X-39568, Recording Secretary; Victor Johnson, X-136768, Branch Secretary.

Telegram from Brooklyn branch of I. U. No. 510, regarding F. W. Walquist, read:

GENERAL CONVENTION Oct. 30, 1924.
1001 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

BUSINESS MEETIN 510, BROOKLYN, WENT ON RECORD TO HAVE WALQUIST, 510 DELEGATE UNSEATED. DISREGARDED INSTRUCTIONS OF 510 CONVENTION REGARDING NEW YORK DEFENSE. FIVE-TEN CONVENTION WENT ON RECORD FOR ABOLITION OF NEW YORK DEFENSE OFFICE. CONSULT CONVENTION MINUTES. A. H. BROWN.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Thompson, 440): That this telegram be filed and that we wire Brooklyn that no action has been taken in regard to New York Defense office as yet, and delegate remains seated. Carried.

Wire to Geo. Speed, read as follows:

SEATTLE BRANCH WILL NOT REMIT. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF REVOKING CHARTER AND ADVERTISING SAME IN PAPERS. ALSO NOTIFY OTHER INDUSTRIAL UNIONS. ISSUE NO SUPPLIES. ALSO NOTIFY ALL DELEGATES TO REMIT NO MONEY TO SEATTLE BRANCH UNTIL THEY REMIT TO MAIN OFFICE. WIRE YOUR ANSWER IMMEDIATELY. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Laid over until tomorrow morning, first thing.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SIXTEENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Gray and Broman, of temporary Administration Committee.

Report of Press Committee read.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Oberman, 110): That we do not accept press report.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we table the motion. Carried, 9—8.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Oberman, 110): That we rescind our action taken to send out to referendum vote on the question of expulsion of Ryan, Trotter, Rowan, Bowerman, etc.

Roll call vote demanded by Murray, 120, and Swanson, 310.

Gray arrived at 2:30.

Result of roll call vote follows:

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; Anderson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, no; 510—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no. Motion lost, 235 9-14 yes, 384 5-14 no.

Broman arrived at 3:05 p. m.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Erwin, 230): That press report be accepted as read. Carried.

Fellow Worker Sam Kapon, suspended G. E. B. member of I. U.s Nos. 210-220 then took the floor to make his report as G. E. B. member.

Fellow Worker Sam Kapon stated that he was against the injunction, and did not believe our ills could be settled in a capitalist court. He was asked the following question by F. W. Chas. Gray: "Do you recognize this convention as a legal convention of the I. W. W.?"

He replied: "Certainly; we called it, and I signed my name to the credentials for the delegates who came in from 210-220."

Fellow Worker Kapon finished at 5:20 p. m., after which arrangements were made to carry on the investigation tomorrow, with F. W. James E. Morris on the floor in the morning, and Fisher in the afternoon.

MORNING SESSION—SEVENTEENTH DAY

Friday, October 31, 1924.

Session called to order by Chairman P. J. Welinder at 9:00 o'clock.

All delegates present except Fisher, Jordan and Murray; Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Minutes of yesterday's session read.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Communication from Seattle, Wash., read and filed, as it has already appeared in the minutes by wire.

Murray arrived at 9:20 a. m.

Communication from San Francisco read as follows:

Special Business Meeting of the M. T. W. I. U. No. 510, San Francisco Branch.

Called to order by branch secretary at 12 o'clock noon, October 27, 1924.

G. A. Gentsch, chairman, X42829; R. E. Fitzgerald, recording secretary, 834122. 13 members present in good standing.

M. & S.: That statement in Solidarity be read. Carried.

M. & S.: That questions be taken up seriatim. Carried.

M. & S.: That question be answered with "Yes." Carried.

Question No. 1 is as follows: "Do you consider this convention a bona fide convention of the I. W. W. and the delegates in this convention empowered to deal with any and all questions that may come before this convention?"

M. & S.: That question No. 2 be answered "Yes." Carried.

Question No. 2 is as follows: "Do you approve of the action taken in regards to the controversy and accept the convention as the administrator of our organization affairs through the temporary administration elected for this purpose and working under the jurisdiction of this convention."

M. & S.: That the floor be thrown open for discussion on question No. 3. Carried.

M. & S.: That the discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That we fully concur with question No. 3 and this branch recommends to the delegates of the convention that the officials of both factions of the controversy be expelled from office permanently. Carried.

Question No. 3 is as follows: "Is this convention empowered to suspend temporarily officials from their offices and investigate such officials, place them on trial and render a verdict in their case?"

M. & S.: That the minutes of this meeting be sent to Chicago by air mail. Carried.

M. & S.: That a night letter be sent to the convention explaining the action taken by this branch. Carried.

M. & S.: That the delegates to the general convention of the I. W. W. be given a vote of confidence by this branch. Carried.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned 1:30 p. m., with 19 members present at close.—**G. A. Gentsch, Chairman; R. E. Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary.**

—**Geo. Schroeder**, Br. Secretary.

Communication from Portland, Oregon:

Regular L. W. I. U. 120 business meeting Portland, Oregon, October 26, 1924. Called to order at 12:30 p. m. by secretary.

John J. Ebbesen elected chairman; J. Maley, recording secretary.

M. & S.: That minutes of previous meeting be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That minutes of G. I. U. D. C. be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S. That we do not act on the Seattle minutes of October 24th as there is no seal attached. Carried.

M. & S.: That minutes of general convention from second to sixth day be filed for future reference. Carried.

M. & S.: That the applications for membership be accepted. Carried.

M. & S.: That report of auditing committee be accepted. Carried.

M. & S.: That the official statement from the 16th general convention be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That the statement of the ex-G. E. B. be laid over to new business. Carried.

M. & S.: That we condemn the action of Matt Johnson and Pat Cantwell for withdrawing from convention and that the statement be filed for future reference. Carried.

M. & S.: That communication from Matt Johnson and Pat Cantwell dated Oct. 20 be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That communication from Welinder, October 22, be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That financial report of secretary be accepted subject to an auditing committee. Carried.

New Business

M. & S.: That we recommend to the G. I. U. D. C. not to seat any officials as delegates to the council nor delinquent delegates. Carried.

M. & S.: That the floor be open for discussion on the official statement from general convention. Carried.

M. & S.: That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S.: That we indorse questions contained in official statement from the 16th general convention of the I. W. W. Carried.

M. & S.: That we instruct secretary to wire chairman of the 16th annual convention that we indorse the three questions contained in the official statement. Carried.

M. & S.: That the statement from the ex-G. E. B. be filed. Carried.

M. & S.: That we instruct the G. O. C. to elect a new G. O. C. chairman at once. Carried.

M. & S.: That we instruct the secretary to advance delegate to convention his pay in case his funds are cut off in Chicago. Carried.

M. & S.: That we do not remit any more money to the I. U. 120 main office until a new chairman is elected. Carried.

M. & S.: That we request all branches to remit money for papers and literature to new administration installed by general convention. Carried.

M. & S.: That we recommend to the G. I. U. D. C. to remit to the new administration money due for papers and Pioneers at once. Carried.

M. & S.: That we request the G. I. U. D. C. to keep all intoxicated persons out of the hall during dances. Carried.

Nominations and Elections

M. & S.: That Brausseau, Van Pelt and Spear be elected by acclamation on auditing committee. Carried.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.—**John J. Ebbesen, Card No. 779658, Chairman; J. Maley, Card No. 187838, Recording Secretary.**

—**O. Hendricks**, Br. Sec'y.

Press Committee report read

Jordan arrived at 9:25 a. m.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Speed, 510): That we accept report of press committee. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Anderson, 310): That any one coming out of prison on parole, conditional pardon, conditional commutation or any other conditional release without the consent of the majority of members confined in that prison shall stand expelled from the I. W. W., and shall receive no relief or other assistance from the I. W. W. or the General Defense or its branches.

Fred Fisher arrived at 10:00 a. m.

Leonard calls for record vote on motion, result of which follows:

110—Mann, no; Fisher, yes; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, not voting; Murray, not voting; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Speed, no; Walquist, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, not voting. Motion lost, 7 yes, 14 no; 3 not voting.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Leonard, 310): That any one coming out of prison on parole, conditional pardon, conditional commutation or any other conditional release without the consent of the majority of members confined in that prison shall receive no relief or other assistance from the I. W. W. or the General Defense or its branches, and that their dues shall not be paid by the organization during time confined in prison.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Mann, 110): That motion be tabled. Record vote called for by Leonard, 310. Result follows:

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; Anderson, no; 330 — Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes. Motion to table lost, 8 to 15.

Amendment. (Mann, 110-Henrikson, 330: That above motion apply only to those men who denounce the organization.

Erwin requests floor to speak on amendment. Chair refuses permission, as Erwin has already spoken on motion. Erwin takes appeal from the chair. Chair sustained, 11 to 5.

Question called, 4 speakers to follow. House supports call.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mann, 110): That Erwin be given floor on special privilege. Carried.

Record vote on amendment follows:

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Obermann, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; Anderson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, yes; 510—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, not voting. Yes, 11, no, 12; 1 not voting. Lost.

Record vote on motion follows:

110—Mann, not voting; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; Anderson, yes; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, not voting; 510—Speed, no; Walquist, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, not voting. Carried. 17 for, 4 against; 3 not voting.

Speed wished to be recorded as voting no on the motion, because he will not interfere with anything that is done in state's prison, one way or another. Walquist states same reason, wishes to be recorded.

Mann is not voting, as he cannot vote intelligently on the motion, not understanding it.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Swanson, 310): That this motion be placed on referendum ballot.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Hanson, 110): That this motion be tabled. Carried, 16 to 4.

Wire to Speed from 510 M. O., as incorporated in yesterday's minutes, taken up.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Cole, 110): That we request Seattle branch of 510 to co-operate with its headquarters and that we ask other members and unions to refrain from transacting any business

with that branch until they have complied. Carried unanimously.

Morris took floor for explanation and questioning. Finished at 12:22. Communication from Spokane branch in form of telegram, read and turned over to I. U. 120 delegates, as having to deal directly with that industrial union. No objection.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Henrikson, 330).

Wire from Paterson, N. J., read as follows:

Paterson branch I. U. 410 Box No. 1453 in special meeting decided unanimously in recognizing the present convention being held in Chicago, Illinois, as the official convention of the I. W. W. and will abide by the decision of this convention.

(Signed) S. B. Vanore, Rec. Sec'y.;
Tom Motore, Chairman.

Leaflet supposed to have been put out by I. U. No. 440 declared not to be authentic, turned over to 440 delegates for investigation. No objection. Adjourned, 12:30, for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SEVENTEENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:30 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Mann, Gray (excused committee duty), Broman (excused committee duty), Erwin.

Fisher takes floor. The question was brought up as to whether or not the convention should act on the charges brought against Fisher in regard to the 510 convention ballots, and his alleged having aided and abetted John Aron in raising 510's initiation and dues, or simply leave it to the grievance committee which is holding charges. Chair requests vote on matter. The body decided to investigate this matter at this time, 11 to 9.

Broman and Mann arrived at 2:10.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Swanson, 310): That 510 ballot affair be discussed on this floor here and now. Carried, 9 to 7.

Gray arrived at 2:20; Erwin arrived at 2:50.

Questioning discontinued at 5:00 o'clock; Fisher to be questioned at 9:00 a. m.; Griffith to follow.

Gray of the administration committee reported as follows:

We went down to court this morning, and when we got there, we were informed that Rowan and his crowd had gone to Judge Sullivan's court to try and get a modified court order which would allow them to have access to the 120 safe at 1001 W. Madison St. This court order also includes a demand that money from the bank fund which is tied up be taken out to pay their expenses in court. They ask for $300 to guarantee the wages of a court stenographer while taking testimony from their side. That is just a move and if they can get out the $300 they will come back for $3,000 for their attorney, once they get a wedge in. While they were there they made a bill of complaint and the judge gave the defendant's attorney, the law partner of Cunnea, 5 days in which to reply, so that there will be no court for the next 5 days. I wish to give you fellow workers here a warning: I have a tip that what they are expecting to happen if this convention goes on much longer—they expect a split. If you do that and they can keep the court action stalled off until you do do that, they will come forward with a claim that this convention is illegal; that it broke up and was altogether illegal. I got this as a pretty good tip, so I advise you to see to it that you keep as cool as possible during the convention, and remember that you are all members of the I. W. W. That is all I have to report on the case. Joe Fisher put in a bill to the auditing committee for wages since October 19th. I recommended paying it, but the other members of the committee wanted it brought before the convention. Now he has had to stay here, and has to stay here, until you are through questioning him, and he can't live on air; none of us do. We are drawing wages for listening to this hot air, and I think he ought to draw his wages for spilling it.

Broman reported as follows:

While we were down in the master's office discussing the question as to whether we could carry on the investigation or postpone it until the petition came up in court, after these men left, Rowan and his lawyer pulled me aside and pumped me (I guess you'd call it that). I think that is what they were trying to do—I don't know. They wanted to know what basis there was for settlement, and I told them they had had every opportunity to settle, but had refused every effort, and told them there was only one way to settle it so far as I know, and that was the membership. I personally can't settle it, and would not if I could, as I would not assume that much responsibility. You had a chance to send it to the membership and you refused that; and now it is going to that anyway. That is practically all.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That report of temporary administration committee be accepted as progress. Carried.

Communication from Joe Fisher read, as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 30, 1924.

To the Administration Committee.

Fellow Workers:

I am taking the liberty to present this bill to you for a payment to cover wages for the period from October 19th to date.

No doubt you are aware of the causes for bringing out these circumstances and also through this very same cause I am not in any good position to go out and look for a master, but am tied down as my presence is necessary at this convention, and therefore taking into consideration the above causes which brought about my present circumstances, it became necessary for me to present this bill as a means of sustenance which is rightfully due me on the above statement.

With best wishes I am,

Yours for the I. W. W.,

JOE FISHER,
Suspended General Organizer.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Oberman, 110): That we instruct the administration committee to advance money on account to the 310 delegates for their railroad fare. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Henrikson, 330): That we pay the wages of all suspended officials that were requested to appear and have appeared on this floor for hearing. Motion withdrawn.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Walquist, 510): That we instruct the general administration committee to pay Joe Fisher his wages. Carried.

Reading of minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday, herewith, with some corrections.

Communication from Il Proletario read.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Jordan, 110): That communication from Il Proletario be filed.

Amended (Henrikson, 330-Anderson, 310): That letter from Il Proletario be referred to new business. Carried.

Communication from M. T. W. I. U., Baltimore Branch, read and turned over to ways and means committee for action.

Adjourned 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—EIGHTEENTH DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1924.

Session called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present, except Mann, Fisher, Jordan (Gray and Broman excused for committee duty).

Minutes of Special 310 membership meeting read. Contents were included in telegram of previous date appearing in minutes.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Schwandt, 330): That communication be filed.

Mann, Gray and Jordan arrived at 9:13.

Motion carried.

Administration Committee reports that the Minneapolis joint branches have loaned $100.00 to assist in the present financial crisis. Chairman read letter from F. W. Fahey on same matter.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Speed, 510): That we accept the communication from F. W. Fahey in regard to the $100 loaned. Carried.

Communication from I. U. 510, Philadelphia Br., read as follows:

Philadelphia, Pa.,
928 E. Moyamensing Ave.
October 30, 1924

To the Delegates assembled at the 16th
Constitutional Convention of the
Industrial Workers of the World,
1001 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Workers:

We, members of the Philadelphia Branch of the I. U. No. 510 of the I. W. W. recognize you as a truly representative body of the I. W. W. and send you our revolutionary greetings, and have every confidence in your ability to bring about the speedy rectification of our organization affairs, by the prompt expulsion of the provocative injunctionite renegades.

In compliance with my instructions at last night's regular business meeting I am going to briefly outline the situation as it exists at the present time.

Since our October strike of 1922 which resulted in our defeat, and consequently the split in our ranks—the formation of a dual independent union, known as the Philadelphia Longshoremen's Union, and now operating as the I. L. A. The outcome has been the complete demoralization of our once militant membership, to the extent that hundreds of our former members have left the waterfront, and are now working in other industries. This is every day making the situation more difficult for our loyal members who are trying to unite the various elements and bring back the I. W. W. as a factor in the lives of those who have to do the hardest work that any humans are called upon to perform.

Last night's meeting was the scene of the liveliest discussion that has taken place in this branch since the strike. The old active members take the stand that the General Administration owes them their financial and moral support. Some speakers took floor and recalled how the Local Branch since the year of 1912 has been a constant source of revenue to the whole organization where thousands of dollars have been sent, for per capita, defense, bond, etc. Since the recent controversy in the M. T. W. over the raise in initiations and dues nine ship's delegates have turned in their credentials, which was this branch's main source of revenue. We have not paid the last month's rent on the hall which is $75 and we can't afford an organizer for the longshoremen. This means that we must close up before the 21st of November, and leave the field to the I. L. A. A communication from our Main Office that was read last night states that they cannot give us any help.

The sentiment here is good, and all our active members here think that with the right kind of agitation from now on they could bring the organization back by next spring. Hoping that you will give this communication your early and careful consideration so that I can report back to them at their next business meeting next Wednesday.

With best wishes I am yours for a successful Convention and for future Solidarity in the ranks of the I. W. W.,

C. F. Crowley, T4-815
Branch Secretary.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Nelson, 310): That communication be filed.

Amend. (Mann, 110-Swanson, 310): That communication from Philadelphia Branch be turned over to Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Minutes of previous day's session read.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That the word "excitement" in F. W. Gray's verbal report be corrected to read "convention." Carried.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Speed,510): That motion be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Jordan, 110): That we rescind our action of last night, in regard to paying the wages of F. W. Fisher. Record vote called for.

Fred Fisher arrived at 9:45 a. m.

(110): Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, no; Cole, yes; (120): Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Gray, yes; Murray, yes; (210-220): Mattson, no; Oates, no; (230): Erwin, yes; (310): Leonard, yes; Swanson, yes; Nelson, yes; Anderson, yes; (330): Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; (440): Chuba, yes; Thompson, yes; (510): Speed, yes; Walquist, no; (S. I. U.): Rumbaugh, yes. Carried, 17 to 8.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Leonard, 310): That all suspended officials held here be paid wages from the time they were called on this floor, Monday, October 26, until we have finished with them. Broman arrived at 9:55 a. m.

Record vote on motion follows: (110): Mann, no; Fisher, yes; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, yes; Cole, no; (120): Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, yes; Murray, no; (210-220): Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; (230): Erwin, yes; (310): Leonard, yes; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; Anderson, no; (330): Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; (440): Thompson, no; Chuba, no; (510): Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; (S. I. U.): Rumbaugh, no. 11 for, 15 against. Lost.

Fisher took the floor here, and was questioned until 11:50. He then took a few minutes to close, after which F. W. Griffith took the floor. Griffith spoke until 12:15, and was questioned by Mann, Cole, Oberman and Jordan, after which we adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—EIGHTEENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Chas. Gray, who arrived at 2:07.

Griffith took the floor and questioning began again. Lasted until about 5:10.

Reading of communications:

Telegram from Spokane, read as follows:

P. J. Welinder,
1001 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

WE, THE SPOKANE BRANCH OF I. U. 460 CONCUR WITH ALL QUESTIONS ASKED IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION IN CHICAGO. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LAWRENCE JOHNSON.

Telegram from Sacramento, read as follows:

CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL CONVENTION
1001 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

REGULAR 110 MEETING RESCINDS ACTION OF OCTOBER 24. FOLLOWING MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:—THAT WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD AS A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNTIL ALL THE DELEGATES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE ARE UNSEATED. MINUTES FOLLOW. WM. DAWSON, CHAIRMAN. JACK ODELL.

Telegram from Houston, Tex., read as follows:

HOUSTON, TEXAS, OCTOBER 31, 1924.

P. J. WELINDER,
1001 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO.

M. & S. (Jones-Emblom): THAT WE RECOGNIZE GENERAL CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION.—CARRIED.

Telegram from Centralia, read as follows:

CENTRALIA, WASH, OCTOBER 31, 1924.

P. J. WELINDER,
CHAIRMAN GENERAL CONVENTION,
1001 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO.

MINUTES OF GENERAL CONVENTION, OCTOBER 22, STATE TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO CENTRALIA PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. THIS MONEY HAS NEVER BEEN RECEIVED BY US. BUT I RECEIVED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM JAMES MORRIS FOR JOHN BEFFEL. CORRECT YOUR MINUTES AND STOP TRYING TO CHLOROFORM THE MEMBERSHIP.

JAMES CUMMINGS, SECRETARY C. P. C.

Minutes of I. U. 460, San Francisco, Calif., read as follows:

Whereas, A controversial misunderstanding between the officials of the Industrial Workers of the World has brought about the need for a General Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W., and also the necessity of this General Convention being called at an earlier date than usual due to the controversy mentioned; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the San Francisco branch of Foodstuff Workers' Industrial Union No. 460, in regular weekly meeting assembled on this the 30th day of October, 1924, recognize the General Convention now assembled in Emmet Memorial Hall in Chicago, Ill., with P. J. Welinder as Chairman, as the legal bona fide General Convention of the I. W. W.; and, be it further

Resolved, That in reply to the three questions submitted to the membership for answer through their respective branches, and numbered one, two, and three, over the signatures of P. J. Welinder as Chairman, and L. McCarthy as Recording Secretary of this General Convention, our answer to all three questions is UNQUALIFIEDLY YES.

Carried by the San Francisco Branch of F. S. W. I. U. No. 460, October 30, 1924, by a vote 8 for, none against; one not voting.

E. J. Mullin, X-65873, Chairman.
May Nord, X-33983, Recording Sec'y.
Robert Russell, Branch Secretary.

Minutes from No. 510 New Orleans, La., Branch, read as follows.

Regular business meeting called to order by Bob Hayes, Branch Secretary at the New Orleans branch on October 29, 1924. Seventeen members present.

S. Bagstevold, Chairman; J. Molendyk, Conductor; Wm. Peters, Recording Secretary.

Reading of minutes.

M. & S. That minutes of previous meeting be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes from Galveston be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes from Houston be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes from Frisco be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That all other minutes be accepted. Carried.

Application for membership.

M. & S. That the 13 new members be accepted as progress. Carried.

Reports of delegates.

M. & S. That verbal report of branch secretary be accepted. Carried.

Reading of communications.

M. & S. That communication from Manhattan be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That communication from Galveston be filed. Carried.

Financial report.

M. & S. That financial report be accepted subject to auditing committee. Carried.

Election of auditing committee.

M. & S. That W. Clark, J. Molendyk, M. Johnson be elected. Carried.

M. & S. That auditing committee's report be accepted. Carried.

New business.

M. & S. That we concur with resolution No. 1 from Frisco. Carried.

M. & S. That we do not concur with resolution No. 2. Carried.

M. & S. That branch secretary stand instructed to write the General Convention that this branch goes on record for $1 dues. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. That we get 200 more ballots. Carried.

Good and Welfare.

Several spoke under this heading.

M. & S. That we adjourn. Carried.

Shipping very slow all around.

Bob Hayes, Branch Secretary.

General membership meeting of Ogden, Utah, Oct. 29th minutes read as follows:

General membership meeting called to order by Secretary William Moore at Ogden, Utah, Oct. 29, 1924, at 12 noon.

J. Murphy, Card 789923, elected chairman; Geo. Emery, Card No. 198550, elected secretary.

Conductor reports 15 members in good standing.

M. & S.: That conductor's report be accepted. Carried.

M. & S.: That we write the convention delegates that we, the membership assembled at Ogden, Utah, Oct. 29, 1924, recognize delegates at the convention as having right to settle all matters pertaining to the Organization and recognize it as the constitutional convention of the Industrial Workers of the World. Carried. Unanimously.

M. & S.: That we send one copy to the general convention, one to the G. E. B., and one to be kept in the hall. Carried.

Several spoke under good and welfare.

M. & S.: That we adjourn. Carried.

Signed: Cards numbered: X179935, X763899, X-24435, X85658, 829791, X9338, 806810, X50485, Ó158393, Ó16289, X68289, 198550.

Press Committee report read.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That press committee report be accepted. Carried, 15—7.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we request the Master Reporting Co. to deliver the verbatim report dealing with the controversy, as soon as possible. Carried.

Broman of the Administration Committee reported stating:

"Yesterday you passed a motion in regards to refunding transportation of the 310 delegates. One of these delegates, Roy Leonard, has no transportation receipt, because there was another fellow worker left Chicago to go to the Ogden Convention of 310, and bought a return ticket. When Leonard was elected, he turned around and took the unused half of his return ticket, and came on it, so he has a receipt from this fellow for the price of the original return ticket, and he asked us in regard to getting money on it. I suggest that the Administration Committee be authorized to pay him half of his return ticket, seeing that we are getting off at almost half price anyway, for had he not received this ticket, he would have had to pay the full price, as the organization pays their entire mileage. In doing this, we would have to have a receipt for this amount, as these receipts will have to go to the 310 M. O.

M. & S.: (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we instruct the Administration Committee to accept Fellow Worker Leonard's personal receipt, instead of railroad receipt for his railroad fare here. Carried.

Receipts received from F. W. Griffith covering his term of office as General Organizer and receipts from Rowan, Bowerman, Raddock and Ryan, have been received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report of James E. Morris, assistant sec'y-treasurer and Secretary of the General Defense Committee, will be appended hereto, as it was not printed when dealt with, owing to its having been turned over to the Ways and Means Committee:

To the Delegates to the 16th Convention of the
I. W. W., Emmet Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill.
Fellow Workers:

My report as Secretary of the General Defense

Committee must necessarily be brief owing to my short tenure of office. On March 25th Harry Feinberg, then secretary, quit in disgust and I was requested by the Committee to take over the office temporarily.

I was never instructed as to my duties or given any information concerning defense work and I was thus from the start working under a severe handicap. Funds were never sufficient to cover the obligations of the Defense Committee although enough was coming in to meet current expenses. Before I go into the financial angle to defense work I will briefly outline the activities of the General Defense Committee.

In Oklahoma we have two fellow workers Berg and Wear doing ten and six years in the McAlester penitentiary. They were arrested for violating the Criminal Syndicalism law. An appeal has been taken in the Berg case but no decision has as yet been given. No date has been set for the Wear appeal, our attorneys waiting the decision in the Berg case before making any further move to secure the release of Wear. We expect a favorable decision in the Berg case and expect to get Wear out on a writ of habeas corpus. It was not until quite recently that we have been able to get any publicity into Oklahoma. Nearly all avenues for this work are closed owing to the scarcity of members who are willing to help spread publicity. We are however working through friends and they have agreed to help financially as well as otherwise. I might say that the Berg and Wear cases are a more flagrant violation of our so-called constitutional rights than any California case. No stool pigeons offered evidence in these cases. The arrests were made and conviction secured upon the admittance of Berg and Wear that they were members of the I. W. W.

Practically all Idaho cases have been dismissed. At the present time we have but one member of the I. W. W. in the Idaho penitentiaries, namely A. S. Embree. On January last the Idaho Supreme Court handed down a decision to the effect that slowing down on the job was not sabotage. This decision, given in the Moore and Perring case, practically killed the C. S. law in Idaho. This fact was admitted by the courts when dismissing the Doyle, Hatton, Deporter, Sandell and Dingman cases. Thus, with the exception of Embree, Idaho penitentiaries are free of members of the I. W. W. Quite recently an attempt was made to secure the release of Embree on a pardon. The effort was unsuccessful, however, although Embree's release now seems possible on a reprieve. This is expected within a week or two. I want to say here that the work of the Idaho Publicity Committee was especially useful in moulding a favorable opinion on the Embree case among the trade unions and people of Idaho and I would like the convention to give Lucy McDonald and her committee a vote of thanks for the good work they have done.

The fight in Oregon has been uniformly successful. During the last four years there have been approximately 55 dismissals of indictments under the C. S. law and only two trials; one at Tillamook and one at Pendleton. Right now the whole slate has been cleaned, all outstanding Marshfield City cases having been dismissed. Our members now have the right to speak on the streets of Marshfield without interference from the law.

The Walla Walla cases are still dragging along. Nothing that we could do was satisfactory. Although the 1922 convention ruled that all defense committees should be subordinate to the General Defense Committee, the Centralia Publicity Committee did very much as it pleased. A hectic campaign was carried on for about four months and is now petering out. Finances are extremely low and the C. P. C. is now $1500 in debt. After a great deal of negotiating with Elmer Smith and James P. Thompson I began to arrange the Thompson tour. It was agreed that the proceeds be divided between California and the General Defense Committee. I really thought at that time that the profits from the tour would be sufficiently large to be split three ways between Centralia, California and the General Defense. After the tour was completed I became convinced that this would have been possible if the tour had not been interfered with. Eastern speaking dates were cut short when Rowan demanded that Thompson be sent back to the cast by August 19th. I objected and so did Thompson but we gave way to Rowan when he represented the case as being urgent. Rowan contended that with Thompson in Washington during the months of August and September much good work would be done toward securing the release of our fellow workers in Walla Walla.

I now think that my judgment was better than Rowan's and that if I had persisted in keeping Thompson in the East for another two months we would have gathered in thousands of dollars for California and Centralia. We must remember, fellow workers, that the Northwest has been exploited time and time again. The workers in Oregon and Washington have given money and support to the I. W. W. in unstinted quantities. But there is a limit to what they will give and I believe that that limit has been reached. If we are wise we will let them rest awhile and exploit the eastern states with our appeals for finances. If we look at the financial returns of the Thompson meetings we will find that the real money came from the big cities of the East. The message of the I. W. W. is new to the slaves of the East. It is years since the I. W. W. made itself heard in the manufacturing centres of Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. If we are to keep pumping publicity into Washington on the Walla Walla cases we must go where the money is. If this is done we will be doing the men in Walla Walla and the organization as a whole a real service.

I feel that it is my duty to draw attention to the behavior of the men in Walla Walla toward defense. I really cannot understand fellow workers like Ray Becker. When I first took office I

wrote Ray Becker asking him what he thought should be done on the Walla Walla cases. I told him I was new to this office and wanted to do the right thing by the men in Walla Walla. Becker neglected to reply, but forwarded my letter to Frederick Blossom. Blossom then wrote me, calling Feinberg a slimy politician. I could not get any satisfaction from either Blossom or Becker and quit writing them. On July 17 I received a letter from Becker in which I am requested to refrain from using his photo in any appeal for money for the Centralia cases. I never have used Becker's photo with anything, and I told him so. Becker has been hard to deal with. He told Beffel that Elmer Smith thought more of his political career than about the men in Walla Walla. Becker further wrote Sam Gompers requesting him to demand an audit of Defense books, when, if he was sure that something was wrong with the accounts of the Defense Committee, he should have appealed to the membership of the I. W. W. I believe that this convention should take this matter under consideration and try to stop all the bickering among our members in the penitentiaries.

Last March John Beffel was appointed publicity man by the General Defense Committee at a regular meeting. Later on he went to Washington and succeeded in obtaining three new affidavits of eye-witnesses of the raid on the Centralia hall. Elmer Smith and the C. P. C. considered this good work and requested the Defense Committee to again send Beffel to Washington. This was done, and Beffel is now doing investigation work in conjunction with the C. P. C. He is, however, very severely handicapped through the lack of funds, and I would like this convention to vote out at least $300 to help in this work. Publicity work on the Centralia cases must be conducted in a scientific manner. Sporadic work is useful in a limited way, but cannot be expected to release the men in Walla Walla. The organization must place a good publicty man either in Washington or Chicago, and give him adequate finances to carry on with. Money can be obtained by routing men like Thompson through the eastern states, and I urge that this be done as soon as possible.

In Maine we have the Pease, Lucelle, Parent, Berg and Turner cases. The first three are doing two years in the Thomaston penitentiary for violating the anti-boycott laws of the State of Maine. Berg is to be tried on the same charge and is now out on bail furnished by the National Bail Fund.

Turner refused bail when it was offered him, and seems about ready to renounce the organization. The Pease appeal is not set as yet, while the Berg case will receive a hearing some time in January. I have been unable to do justice to these cases owing to lack of finances. The injunction did serious injury to the work of the Defense Committee. Money became scarce, and when it became necessary to get the attorneys in action, money was lacking. I instructed the Bangor branch of 120 to organize a committee of their own, but even then I was compelled to advance $250 to attorneys to handle the Berg case. I intend to bring this matter up before the grievance committee together with other matter pertaining to defense.

The deportation cases will come up for final disposition in November, that is, if our efforts to secure a cancellation of the deportation warrants are unsuccessful. These cases are very important and merit the greatest consideration from the organization. If these cases are not fought, a dangerous precedent will have been established. It must be remembered that these fellow workers are being deported under an ex post facto law, that is, a law enacted after the defendants were arrested. Mahler, Oates, Nigra and Moran were sentenced during the war, and spent a number of years in Leavenworth. It was while they were in Leavenworth that an amendment to the immigration law was enacted giving power to the Department of Labor to deport our fellow workers. The practice of making laws to fit an occasion is an extremely dangerous one and full of menace to the I. W. W. A member can be arrested on some phoney charge, held pending the passage of a law to fit his case, and deported. We must fight these cases to the limit of our resources, the life and liberty of at least one fellow worker is at stake. If Pietro Nigra is deported to Italy, it is more than likely that he will be killed by the Fascisti. Jacob Tori who was deported to Italy quite recently is now a conscript in the Fascisti army, and is living with the penalty of death always present. Nigra must be saved from a similar fate.

The harvest drive, as usual, furnished the local authorities in the grain belt with the opportunity to vent their spleen on the organization. Arrests, however, were comparatively few in number, most of them being simple vagrancy charges. All that are left are as follows:

Harold Fiske, ten-year case; on appeal.

J. T. McGan, sixty days; hearing, January.

J. Ohrn, C. S.; hearing, January.

The Canadian harvest attracted quite a number of our members, and arrests over the line were more numerous than last year. Convictions were few, and at present no members are in jail, court decisions on the whole being favorable.

The Cranbrook injunction that grew out of the strike in the woods of Canada was settled through an arrangement between the 120 branch at Cranbrook, the attorney handling the case for our side, and the lumber companies. Mr. Ross of Vancouver, attorney for the organization, forwarded me a check for $600, but apart from this I am not familiar with the details of the settlement owing to the refusal of Fred Jackson, 120 secretary at Cranbrook, to send in a report.

There were a number of minor cases of vagrancy in which arrested members were released without much trouble. I have endeavored in these instances to get the members to fight the cases themselves, and where they have done so they have been unusually successful. I believe that with the proper encouragement our members can handle all minor cases and thus save the organization considerable money.

This briefly outlines defense work since I took office in March.

I want to say here that effective defense work at the present time is almost impossible of achievement. In the first place there is no system of organization in defense matters. At present we have six autonomous defense committees, competing for the financial support of the membership. This deplorable condition actuated me in not branching out into an aggressive campaign for cases outside of California. The California branch of the Defense Committee was issuing regular weekly bulletins and was getting the financial support of the membership. When the Pedro trouble arose, local secretaries began demanding money. Bulletins came from Pedro and naturally interfered with the Frisco office in the matter of securing funds. I could have done the same thing, and we would then have had the disgraceful spectacle of competition among defense committees. I objected to this condition, of course, but was content to nurse the General Defense along until the convention, when I intended to bring the matter before the membership for their consideration.

There seems no way at present to check the creation of autonomous defense committees. The members themselves organize one when they think it necessary and pay no attention whatsoever to the organization as a whole. The Pedro and Centralia committees are evidence of this. The Los Angeles office was closed by Delaney on more than one occasion only to be reopened at a later date. The C. P. C. came into existence, and for a time did good work. Right now they are heavily in debt, and their resources are limited. Whenever and wherever these committees come into existence they create a certain amount of hard feeling. The San Pedro and Centralia committees demanded the complete support of the membership, and when it was not given in the desired proportions, bitterness developed as a matter of course.

I have already mentioned that Feinberg resigned in disgust. Defense meetings found partisan issues predominating. Ideas on defense work were never in unison. Some members of the committee insisted that no attorneys should be employed, while others favored their retention.

At times each member endeavored to influence the defense secretary to live up to his idea of defense even though this idea had been voted down at a defense committee meeting. The 120 secretary demanded that all monies turned over to me by him and derived from the sale of defense stamps should be spent on 120 cases only. I argued that as secretary of Defense I could not discriminate between members of the I. W. W. in defense matters. If a fellow worker was arrested he was given defense because he was a member of the I. W. W. and no thought was given to what union he belonged to.

Another time the 310 secretary demanded that I furnish $300 cash bail to a fellow worker who was arrested in Kansas and given 30 days. This I could not do unless I received instructions from the committee. I agreed to send relief and $5 was forwarded to this fellow worker. Some of you may know this fellow worker. His name was Hazelworth. After the $5 was sent him he demanded a shirt and overalls. These were duly sent but some time later I received a letter from Quinlan in New York and Delaney in Frisco in which they enclosed a letter from Hazelworth asking them for money. A letter written by Hazelworth was published in the Industrial Worker asking the membership at large to send him money. Our attorney gave him $5 thus helping to provide this fellow worker with relief out of all proportion to that given to other members. I want this convention to do all that it can to prevent a repetition of this sort of thing. The editor of the Industrial Worker had no right to print Hazelworth's begging letter without first communicating with me. If individual appeals for relief are going to be printed in our publications we are establishing a very bad practice. This tendency on the part of certain individuals to run wild must be checked. Editors must also be instructed not to publish appeals for relief unless they are first officially endorsed.

I now submit the following recommendations for the consideration of this convention:

1. That the General Defense Committee as at present constructed be abolished. The Defense Secretary to be under supervision and instruction of the G. E. B.

2. That all attorneys be employed by the Secretary of the General Defense Committee.

3. All Defense monies, either for relief or publicity, to be sent to the main office of Defense.

4. The San Francisco, San Pedro and Centralia committees to carry on publicity work only. Capable publicity men to be employed by the General Defense Committee and stationed at the above places.

5. That no attorneys be employed on cases involving vagrancy, trespassing on railroad property or any cases that generally bring sentences ranging from 30 to 60 days.

6. That the revenue of the Defense Committe be derived from a regular assessment, compulsory or otherwise, but sufficiently large to cover all expenses of the committee.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—NINETEENTH DAY

Monday, November 3, 1924.

Morning session called to order by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

Delegates Broman and Gray excused for committee duty. All other delegates present except Fisher, Jordan, Murray and Oates.

Oates arrived at 9:05 a. m.

Minutes of previous day's session read.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Henrikson, 330): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Press Committee report read.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Cole, 110): That press committee report be accepted. Carried.

Communication from Spokane, addressed to Ed J. Fahey, read as follows:

SEND ONE HUNDRED PIONEERS, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SOLIDARITYS. REMITTING TO YOU FOR SAME. MINUTES FOLLOWING. JAMES HENEY, BRANCH SECRETARY.

Communication from Baltimore, read as follows: CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL CONVENTION:

BALTIMORE BRANCH, M. T. W. 510, IN SPECIAL MEETING, WENT ON RECORD TO RECOGNIZE PRESENT CONVENTION AS A BONA FIDE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W. F. PUTTNING, BRANCH SECRETARY.

Minutes from Sacramento I. U. No. 310 branch read, but not incorporated, as they appeared in minutes previously, in wire.

Broman, Jordan and Murray arrived at 9:25 a. m.

Minutes from Oakridge, Ore., read and ordered filed. Contained in previous telegram.

Minutes from Natron Cutoff read and filed. Contained in previous telegram.

Recommendation from Ways and Means Committee read by Albert Hanson, Chairman of committee, as follows:

We recommend to the delegates to the 16th General Convention, the following:

We, the Ways and Means Committee, request the temporary Administration Committee to put out lists to raise funds to tide over the General Convention; lists to be called in January 1, 1925.

Albert Hanson, S. J. Cole, Sam Oberman, E. Schwandt, Frank Grad.—Ways and Means Comm.

—Concurrence unanimous.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Cole, 110): That we take this recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee up immediately. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Broman, 120): That we do not concur with committee.

Question called. Two speakers. House supports call.

Motion carried, 16 to 5.

Wire from Bingham Canyon to F. W. Joe Oates, read as follows:

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF 210-220 CONCURS WITH THE ACTION OF THE 16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD. WALTER CHRISTIANSEN, EUGENE SMITH, E. S. GRAHAM—COMMITTEE.

Wire from Los Angeles to F. W. Roy Leonard, read as follows:

MOTION CARRIED AT LOS ANGELES THAT ALL 310 DELEGATES WITHDRAW FROM SO-CALLED CONVENTION. MINUTES FOLLOW. JOHN GRAHAM, CHAIRMAN; JOHN LAMBERT, RECORDING SECRETARY. (Wire filed).

Chas. Gibson took the floor herewith to state his position and submit to questioning.

Fisher arrived at 10:25 a. m.

Gibson finished at 11:00 a. m.

Peo Monoldi on floor for explanation and questioning.

Wire from Portland, read as follows:

PORTLAND, OREGON, NOV. 1, 1924.

P. J. WELINDER:

WHY WERE NOT DELEGATES TO CONVENTION CONTESTED ON GROUNDS OF INELIGIBILITY, PER ARTICLE 5, SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH (A), OF CONSTITUTION? WHY DELEGATES SEATED WHO WERE EMPLOYES AND ON PAYROLL, REFERRING TO ARTICLE FIVE, SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH (B). WHY WERE SUSPENDED OFFICIALS ALLOWED TO FUNCTION IN HEADQUARTERS AFTER BEING SUSPENDED? WHY AREN'T OCTOBER 23 MINUTES NOT IN FIELD? WILL PER CAPITA PAID TO MAJORITY BOARD BE RECOGNIZED BY CONVENTION? HAS CONVENTION PASSED MOTION FOR ALL INDUSTRIAL UNIONS TO PAY PER CAPITA BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN? WHY WAS MONEY DONATED BY CONVENTION TO CENTRALIA PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND SENT TO CENTRALIA WITH ORDERS TO PAY TO JOHN BEFFEL? WHY WAS CONVENTION THROWN OPEN TO PUBLIC? REASON WHY WE ASK IS BECAUSE WE SEE OUTSIDE INFLUENCES AT WORK. FORTY-NINE MEMBERS OF 310 DEMAND ANSWER FROM CONVENTION. SPECIAL MEETING TODAY. READ THIS ON CONVENTION FLOOR. MINUTES FOLLOW. W. DUNSMORE.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310): That the chairman be instructed to draw up an answer to all of these questions, to be read here tomorrow morning, before sending.

Amended. (Speed, 510-Nelson, 310): That the administration committee and chairman of this convention draft a statement relative to this telegram, to be sent to the membership and submitted to this floor for approval.

Question called. Four speakers. House supports call.

Amendment lost, 8 for, 13 against. Motion carried, 13 for, 7 against.

Oates excused at noon, because of having to go down to see the secretary of the Defense Committee on his deportation case.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Nelson, 310): That the chairman wire to Portland telling them that the convention will draw up a statement in answer to their questions. Carried.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—NINETEENTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All present except Murray, Grad and Oates; also Broman and Gray, excused for committee duty.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mann, 110): That those whose names appear on the article headed, "Are We Gangsters and Gunmen?" and those whose names appear on charges against various officials, be permitted to take the floor for 10 minutes to explain their action. Carried.

Geo. Ellis on floor.

Grad arrives at 2:23 p. m.

Ellis finished. No questioning of these witnesses.

Walquist on floor, as having name signed to charges with investigation committee.

Murray arrived at 2:30 p. m.

E. W. Latchem on floor. Name signed to article. Explained action.

Oates arrived at 2:35 p. m.

M. Mahler on floor stating his part in the controversy.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we lay decision on these cases over until tomorrow morning, and act upon them seriatim.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Nelson, 310): That this motion be tabled.

Cole informs chair that motion is out of order, as Jordan has had the floor previously on this subject. Chair states that motion to table is always in order, and will be entertained by him. Cole appeals ruling of chair. Chair sustained, 14—4. Cole recorded as voting no.

Motion to table lost.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That we telephone Hanley to be called here immediately.

Question called. Three speakers, Hanson, Cole and Oates. House supports call.

Gray arrived at 3:15 p. m.

Motion carried 15—2.

During interval of wait for F. W. Hanley, following communications were read:—Letter to Chairman of Convention from Seattle Branch of the M. T. W., as follows:

Seattle, Wash., October 29, 1924.

Chairman, General Convention.
Emmet Hall, Chicago, Ill.
Fellow Worker:—

M. & S. (86172-58450): That we concur with the three points in Official Statement of General Convention, subject to general referendum ballot. Carried.

This motion was carried in regular business meeting held on October 28, 1924.

S. Nelson, Port Delegate.

M. T. W. I. U. No. 510, Seattle Branch.

Letter to chairman, with request to be read on this floor, from G. Tveit, Vancouver Branch of I. U. No. 120; read and turned over to I. U. No. 120 delegates, with no objection.

Auditing Committee reports, via Erwin, who turned receipts over to him by J. A. Griffith. Having no access to books which these receipts and vouchers cover, the committee is unable to use same.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Fisher, 110): That these reports be held in Headquarters for safekeeping, for future reference. Carried.

Hanley arrived and took floor. Stated that Arthur Linn has been in jail on charges pushed by Fred W. Bowerman, and will be on this floor tomorrow.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Oberman, 110): That report of Wm. Hanley in regard to Arthur Linn be accepted. Carried.

Broman arrived at 3:40 p. m.

Ways and Means Committee state they have nothing to report.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That we lay a decision on these cases over until we hear from Arthur Linn tomorrow. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Leonard, 310): That Administration Committee be instructed to send letter of explanation to Centralia Publicity Committee in regard to the $100 this body ordered sent there.

Amend. (Oates, 210-220-Hanson, 110): That we notify the Centralia Publicity Committee that the $100 was to be used for the expenses of John Beffel in getting certain new affidavits on the Centralia case. Carried.

Constitution and By-laws Committee reports; Walquist, Chairman.

Resolution No. 1 read; has already been acted upon, but was read, as follows:

Resolution No. 11, Southwestern District:

That a new clause be inserted in the constitution, to read as follows:

"That all help hired by the general secretary-treasurer shall be subject to the approval of the majority of the G. E. B."

Article V, Section 2, with committee's recommendation, read as follows:

Committee recommends that we rescind former action on Article V, Section 2, and adopt the following:

"The convention of the Industrial Workers of the World has power to expel any member for violation of principles, constitution or by-laws of the Industrial Workers of the World. It is also a legislative body of the organization and its enactments are of legal force when sustained by a referendum vote of the membership touching any and

all amendments to the organic law which the convention may adopt. Such amendments shall be submitted to referendum vote by the General Executive Board within fifteen days after adjournment of the convention. The vote shall close 45 days after the date of issuing of referendum. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cole, 110): That we concur with Constitution and By-laws Committee and rescind our former action on Article V, Section 2. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with constitution and by-laws committee as to the wording of Article 5, Section 2. Carried, 23—1.

Article 5, Section 7 (b), read as follows:

Section 7 (b): The general administration officials shall be delegates at large, with voice but no vote. All paid officials and employes must be off the payroll 90 days prior to the convening of the general convention to become eligible as delegates. No delegate shall cast more than one vote when voting on the seating of a contested delegate or delegates. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110): That we concur with committee.

Amend. (Mann, 110-Hanson, 110): That we add: "or on any grievance where expulsion of member or members is considered."

Amendment to amendment. (Broman, 120-Walquist, 510): That we add: "no delegate shall have more than one vote on the expulsion of a member."

Amendment to Amendment carried, 14—7. Kills amendment. Oates, Murray, Grad, Swanson, Leonard and Erwin all recorded as voting no.

Motion carried.

Article VII, Section 1, acted upon.

Article VII, Section 2 (a), stricken out. Acted upon.

Article 7, Section 2, (b), (Resolution No. 14, I. U. No. 310), as follows:

Resolved, That Article 7, Section 2 (b), be changed to read as follows: "Industrial Unions shall pay at the rate of 7 1-2 cents per month per member."

Majority of committee concurs to adopt without amendment.

Minority report, Nelson, Broman: That per capita shall be 7 1-2 cents per month per member.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Gray, 110): That we concur with majority report.

M. & S. (Anderson, 310-Swanson, 310): That we table motion until the question of dues and clearing house has been settled. Carried, 14—8.

Grad resigned from Ways and Means Committee, because of being on auditing committee.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Schwandt, 330): That resignation be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Chuba, 440): That Oates be elected to fill his place by acclamation. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—TWENTIETH DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning session called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty, and Mann, Fisher, Jordan, Murray, Anderson and Speed.

Communication from Chas. Anderson, 310 delegate, read, as follows:

P. J. Welinder,
Chairman General Convention.
Fellow Worker:

On account of some very pressing business, I am forced to resign as delegate to the general convention from I. U. No. 310. This must not be construed that I have any complaint about same. I will be with you on everything you do and comply with the will of what may be decided on. Give my vote to the remaining 310 delegates, and then I remain,

Yours for the I. W. W.—**Chas. Anderson, 310 Delegate General Convention.**

Speed arrived at 9:02, Jordan at 9:05, Murray at 9:10 A. M.

Communication from I. U. 510 delegates read, as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4, 1924.

To the Delegates of the 16th Annual Convention.
Fellow Workers:

The delegates from I. U. 510 have drawn but $37.50 since leaving New York. As the treasury of I. U. 510 is almost depleted we request that the administration committee be allowed to advance us one week's wages and charge same to the account of I. U. 510.

With best wishes we remain,

Yours for the I. W. W.

(Signed) August Walquist, 88799;
Geo. Speed, 241670;
510 Delegates to Gen. Con.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Henrikson, 330): That the request of the 510 delegates be complied with and we request the administration committee to give one week's wages to Geo. Speed and A. Walquist, and charge same to I. U. 510. Carried.

Broman arrives at 9:15.

Statement drawn up by chairman and administration committee, replying to wire from Portland, read to body.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE SIXTEEN GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 3, 1924.

FELLOW WORKERS:—

Portland Branch, I. U. 310, through its secretary, Fellow Worker Wm. Dunsmore, in a telegram re-

ceived today, asks the questions enumerated below. As we feel certain that both the questions and the answers will prove of interest to all our members, we take this opportunity to inform the membership as a whole as to the present convention and its work:

Question No. 1:—"Why were not delegates to convention contested on grounds of ineligibility as per Article 5, Section 7, Paragraph (a)?"

Answer:—Every delegate to this convention, with the exception of Fellow Worker L. Chuba, of I. U. 440, was eligible according to Article 5, Section 7, Paragraph (a), of the Constitution.

Fellow Worker Chuba was, at the time the convention convened, three weeks short of three years in the organization. The credentials committee recommended his being seated on the ground that the time for convening this convention was advanced one month. Had the convention been called in accordance with the constitution, Fellow Worker Chuba would also have been eligible. The convention was unanimous in concurring with the recommendation of the credentials committee.

Question No. 2:—"Why are delegates seated who were employed and on the payroll, referring to Article 5, Section 7, Pragraph (b)?"

Answer:—There is not one delegate in this convention that does not qualify so far as covered by the paragraph in question. There is one delegate who was acting on the auditing committee on headquarters' books and was paid while doing this work. The paragraph in question, speaking of "officials and employes must be out of office and off payroll for at least 90 days, etc." cannot be taken to mean that a temporary service on a committee disqualifies a delegate. If such be the case we are all disqualified as we came here from I. U. conventions, where we were paid for our services.

All other accusations in this respect regarding other delegates have proven false. Also, it should be remembered that in those accusations there is not one single positive statement as to when and where the accused delegates have been on the pay within the time limit stipulated, far less any proof to that effect. A thorough perusal of the financial statements of the various industrial unions will bear us out in this respect.

Question No. 3:—"Why were suspended officials allowed to function in headquarters after being suspended?"

Answer:—No suspended official, with the exception of Tom Doyle, who was asked to assist for one week helping the new officials and giving all necessary information needed in the work, has been employed in any capacity since suspended.

Question No. 4:—"Why are not October 23d minutes in the field?"

Answer:—Minutes of October 23, have been circulated similarly to all other minutes of our proceedings. If you failed to get them, it is either the fault of the postoffice or else a mistake in our office. Whatever it may be, you will find, enclosed, a copy of them.

Question No. 5:—"Will per capita paid to majority board be recognized by convention? Has convention passed motion for all industrial unions to pay per capita by September 30, or is action to be taken?"

Answer:—As to unpaid per capita, the convention has not dealt with that matter yet. Our request that industrial unions remit per capita to us, also that branches not remitting to their industrial union headquarters may remit to General Headquarters, carries the provision that all such remittances will be credited directly to the industrial union making the remittance, and has nohing to do with per capita to above-mentioned majority board. This question will probably be dealt with within the next two days.

Question No. 6:—"Why was money donated by convention to Centralia with orders to pay to John Beffel?"

Answer:—James Morris, Secretary of the General Defense, read a report from John Beffel in which he claimed that he had some valuable new affidavits in the Centralia case which he deemed well to make public. Also that he could obtain several more equally valuable affidavits, provided he had the funds needed to carry out the work. He asked for $100. Convention voted out that amount. (8 votes to 7) to be sent for that purpose to James Cummings, Secretary, C. P. C. Whether the convention acted wisely or not in this question is for the membership to decide, but no one can reasonably accuse the convention of not acting in good faith in this question.

Question No. 7:—"Why was the convention thrown open to the public?" Reason for asking the question is: "We see outside influences at work."

Answer:—We found during the first two days of preliminary session, when none but members were allowed to be present, that the communist paper as well as all other parties were as well informed as if the convention was held open. As the present controversy has been widely advertised and became common knowledge, we considered it better for the organization that it be aired in public, and all the statements made in the bulletins either retracted or fully proven before any and all who care to listen to it. Undoubtedly this was a wise move, as the convention has been very orderly and made a favorable impression upon all present.

As to outside influence upon the convention, there is absolutely none. If you read all the various publications circulated about us, you will find that this convention does not suit any special group or party. We are accused of being "Rowanists," "Anarcho-Syndicalists," and "Communists," and a little of everything else. This ought to prove that we serve no special group or interest. As a matter of fact, we are considering no other issue, group or

party except the organization and its welfare.

In conclusion, will you allow us to ask the membership a question in return for the many to which we have replied?

Under date of October 27, and the heading, "Emergency Program," signed by Maurice Daly, James Rowan, Wm. Buchwald, P. D. Ryan, M. Raddock, Fred Bowerman, John Grady, and H. E. Trotter, these gentlemen offer you a new organization. You will note that they have entirely severed their relations with the I. W. W., are issuing their own supplies and appointing their own delegates, warning all members to pay dues to their organization, and urging them to support this new independent outfit, created ostensibly for no other purpose than to destroy the I. W. W. when it was found out that the I. W. W. could not be captured and used to satisfy the ambition of individuals. Our question is: WILL YOU REMAIN TRUE TO THE I. W. W., or will you align yourself with this bunch of self-styled saviors?

The above is approved by the convention in the following motion: "M. & S. (Henrikson-Walquist): That statement be accepted and sent to Portland Branch; also all other branches and publications. Carried unanimously."

Yours for the I. W. W.

P. J. WELINDER, Chairman.

(As per instructions of the Convention).

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Walquist, 510): That statement be accepted as read, and sent to the Portland branch, as well as to all branches and publications. Carried.

Gray arrived at 9:30, Fisher at 9:32.

Minutes of previous day's session read.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Nelson, 310): That minutes of previous session be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Erwin, 230): That we take up question of per capita paid to the G. E. B. of 5 immediately. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mattson, 210-220): That all Industrial Unions which have recognized this convention as a constitutional convention of the I. W. W. and have paid per capita to Rowan et al., be recognized as legal per capita, and credited to them.

Amended (Oates, 210-220-Grad, 120): That all Industrial Unions having their per capita paid to either part of the administration up to the convening of the convention be credited.

Mann arrived at 9:45.

Amendment to amendment (Erwin, 230-Thompson, 440): That all I. U.s be credited with per capita paid to either faction up to the time the administration committee issued notice in publication.

Substitute (Hanson, 110-Mann, 110): That all I. U.s be credited with all per capita paid up to the time that this notice was issued to pay per capita to the general administration committee, except such part of per capita as was used to pay for securing injunction. Record vote called for. As follows, on substitute:

(110) Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson yes, Gray no, Cole yes; (120) Welinder no, Broman no, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates no; (310) Leonard not present, Nelson no, Swanson no; (230) Erwin no; (330) Henrikson no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Lost, 3 to 20.

Amendment to amendment record vote:

(110) Mann no, Fisher yes, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates yes; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard not present, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba not voting; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Gray voting no, as he is opposed to all such action at this time. Also Cole and Oberman, same reason. Amendment to amendment carried.

Constitution and by-laws committee, chairman Walquist, reports.

Resolutions read as follows:

Resolution No. 116: That we have one dollar dues. This resolution to be sent to the general convention as instructions to A. W. I. U. No. 110 delegates. The delegates to the general convention to decide ways and means just how the dollar dues are to be used. This to go on the general referendum ballot.

(Jordan concurred with Resolution No. 116).

Resolution No. 9:

No. 137: That initiation fees and dues be kept as they are now, because changing of initiation fees and dues is detrimental to the organization.

(Majority report concurred.)

Resolution No. 18 from I. U. 510:

Be it resolved that we go on record to amend the general constitution to read: Industrial Unions shall have the power to regulate their own initiation fees and dues. Initiation not to exceed $5. Dues not to exceed $1. No part of the initiation fee or dues above mentioned shall be used as a sick or death benefit, but shall be held in the treasury as a general fund to defray the legitimate expenses. Amended by resolutions committee.

(Walquist concurred.)

Resolution No. 94: Resolved that the following shall be placed on the general referendum ballot: Shall the dues be 50c, 75c or $1? Shall the initiation fee be $2, $3 or $5?

Resolution No. 105, from annual convention of Foodstuff Workers' I. U. 460 of the I. W. W. held at Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 5, 1924:

Whereas, It has come to our notice that a proposal to raise initiation fees and monthly dues will

come before the I. U. 460 and also the general convention, and

Whereas, The aim of the I. W. W. is to organize all the wage workers as a class, and

Whereas, Raising initiation fees and monthly dues will be a hindrance to organization work, and

Whereas, Universal scale stands with the principles of the I. W. W., therefore

Be it resolved, That initiation fees and the monthly dues stand as the constitution reads, and further,

Be it resolved, That the chapter (9) and section (2) stand as the constitution now reads.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Mann, 110): That we concur with minority report of Jordan on $1 dues.

Amended (Schwandt, 330-Henrikson, 330): That we adopt the resolution of 330, No. 94 to be placed on the general ballot: Shall dues be 50c, 75c or$1? Shall initiation be $2, $3 or $5?

Amendment to amendment (Walquist, 510-Cole, 110): That all three propositions brought in by committee be put to a referendum vote.

Substitute for the whole (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That we concur with Resolution No. 137, with which the majority report concurred.

Murray calls for roll call vote on substitute; Swanson seconded call.

(110) Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates no; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. 325 yes, 285 no.

Article VII, Section 3 (b) to be stricken out. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 7 from I. U. 510 read:

Be it resolved, That Art VII, section 4, in the general constitution be stricken out or be changed to read: All defense funds shall be collected by receipt book system, same to be remitted to the local defense branch, which may be put up if so are practical.—Resolution Committee I. U. 510.

Walquist concurs. Majority committee concurs with constitution as it reads.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Gray, 110): That all reference to defense and relief be stricken from the constitution.

Amendment (Cole, 110-Oberman, 110): That we adopt majority report of committee, that section 4, Article VII, remain as it is.

Broman states motion and amendment out of order, because of former motion making provision for secretary of General Defense. Chair rules motion in order. Broman takes appeal from decision of chair. Chair not sustained, 6 for, 10 against. Motion and amendment out of order.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Hanson, 110): That section 4 of Article VII, defense and relief, be stricken from the constitution.

Amendment (Swanson, 310-Nelson, 310): That we concur with majority report and adopt section 4 as it stands in the constitution at present. Amendment carried, 16 to 4.

Article 8, Section 1 (a) and (b) adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee on Article VIII, section 1 (a). Carried.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Gray, 110): That Article VIII, section 1 (b) be stricken out of the constitution.

Amended (Broman, 120-Nelson, 310): That we concur with the committee on section 1 (b), Article VIII. Fisher states amendment is out of order. Chair rules it is entirely in order, as precedent has been established on this before. Chair sustained, amendment carried, 16 to 4.

Article VIII, section 2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) read as follows:

Resolution 83 I. U. 330 committee substitutes the following:

Section 2 (a). The General Executive Board or the General Organization Committee of three or more Industrial Unions shall have the power to initiate a referendum on any organization question. Committee concurs.

(b) On receipt of the initiative call for a referendum the General Office shall publish same in the official publications and must submit it to a vote of the general membership within five (5) days. Committee concurs.

(c). Tabulated returns of the vote of the Industrial Unions must be returned to the General Office within forty--five days from the date the referendum is submitted to the general membership. Committee concurs.

(d). The returns of the referendum shall remain in General Headquarters in sealed envelopes until ballot committee meets. Ballot committee shall meet immediately on expiration of time set for return of ballots. The General Secretary-Treasurer shall notify Industrial Union or body initiating referendum of date set for count of ballots. Committee concurs.

(e). The ballot committee to count the vote on referendum shall be composed as follows: Three members in continuous good standing for one year prior to their election on committee, shall be elected by the Industrial Unions in the city in which Headquarters is located. In reporting through the monthly bulletin the returns of referendums and elections, the General Secretary-Treasurer shall give the names of the ballot committee together with their card numbers and the Industrial Union of which they are members. Committee concurs

(f). The Industrial Union or body initiating a referendum shall pay the expenses of its own dele-

gate on ballot committee unless the referendum is carried, in which event the expense shall be borne by the general organization. Committee concurs.

(g) Referendum returns from any industrial union cannot exceed its paid up membership for the three months prior to the vote on the referendum in question. Committee concurs.

Action taken in regards to duplicate ballots by convention to be inserted as Paragraph (h).

Also Resolution No. 83, from I. U. No. 330, which is substitute of committee for whole:

Resolved, That Article 8, Section 2 (a), shall be changed to read as follows:

Section 2 (a): The General Executive Board or two industrial unions, or five branches from three or more industrial unions, may initiate a referendum on any subject.

(b): It shall be submitted to the general office at once with reasons and arguments for same.

(c): On receipt of the initiative call for referendum, the General Office shall publish same in the General Office Bulletin with arguments for and against, and shall submit it to all industrial unions and departments within thirty days from date received in headquarters.

(d): Seconds from five branches from three or more industrial unions in good standing shall be sufficient to place the referendum in the field, and thirty days after the referendum has been submitted for seconds all returns shall be tabulated and reported in the General Office Bulletin. The referendum must be placed in the field forty-five days after its receipt from originators by the General Office, provided sufficient seconds have been received.

That Paragraph (e) shall be stricken out.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee on Paragraph (a), Article 8, Section 2. Carried.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee on Paragraph (b). Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee on Paragraph (c). Carried.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Jordan, 110): That we concur with committee on paragraph (d). Carried.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with the committee on Paragraph (e).

Amend. (Henrikson, 330-Gray, 110): That clause be amended to read "3" instead of "4." Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Hanson, 110): That we concur with committee on Paragraph (f). Carried.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Mann, 110): That we concur with committee on Paragraph (g).

Amend. (Erwin, 230-Oates, 210-220): That we strike out Paragraph (g). 9 for, 12 against. Motion carried, 12 for, 9 against.

Adjourned at 12:30 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—TWENTIETH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Broman, excused for committee duty.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee on Article 8, Section 1, Paragraph (h). Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Oberman, 110): That we take the tabled motion of October 18th, in regard to injunction, from the table. Carried.

Motion follows:

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Schwandt, 330): That this convention goes on record as being opposed to the injunction that was instituted by Jas. Rowan, J. A. Griffith, Fred Bowerman, P. D. Ryan, Harry Trotter and Chas. Anderson.

Broman arrived at 2:15 p. m.

Motion carried on record vote, unanimously.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Mattson, 210-220): That we proceed with the regular order of business. Carried, 15—7.

Constitution and by-laws committee proceeds.

Resolution No. 17, from I. U. No. 510, read. Walquist concurs. Nos. 96 and 82; also substitute, with which majority concurred. They follow:

Resolution No. 18 (a), Aberdeen: In case of recall of general officers or one or more of the G. E. B., the industrial union making such recall must present to their respective branches the reasons for said action and have tabulated vote of said branches for and against recall. If majority vote is cast for recall, the official or officials stand suspended until final vote of general membership through branches of general organization. As amended by Resolutions Committee.

M. & S. (Hanson-Estes): That we concur with report of committee on Resolution No. 18 (a), Aberdeen, as amended. Yes 8, no 1. Carried.

Resolution No. 14, Article 8:

Whereas, There have been violations of the constitution of the I. W. W. by general officers and industrial union secretaries, and these violations have been condoned on the ground that an emergency existed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the following paragraph be added to Article VIII, Sec. 3, to be called Paragraph (b):

"(b) Violations of the constitution and by-laws of the Industrial Workers of the World by general officers of the administration or officials of the industrial unions, individually or collectively, shall be cause for expulsion from the I. W. W. and any official violating the constitution and by-laws shall immediately be tried as per Article III, Section 6 (a) (b)."

The failure of the G. E. B. to take action against any official against whom a charge has been filed shall be sufficient cause for the expulsion of the G. E. B. members who failed to take such action

and they shall be expelled at the next general convention upon being found guilty.

Resolution from I. U. 330:

Resolved, That the following paragraph shall be added to Article 8, Section 1:

No official or member of the Industrial Workers of the World, nor any subordinate part shall take outside of the organization for settlement any matter pertaining solely to the internal affairs of the I. W. W. Any official or member so doing shall stand expelled from the I. W. W. upon being found guilty.

Article VIII:

Section 3, Resolution No. 96, from I. U. 330; Resolution No. 17, from I. U. 510.

Majority report: Substitute as follows: The general administration officials shall be subject to recall upon a referendum, initiated as provided for in Section 2 (a), Article VIII. Such officials shall automatically stand suspended from office until referendum reinstates them. The alternates shall fill offices of suspended officials.

Minority report, Walquist: Concurs with Resolution No. 17, I. U. 510. Section 1 (a).

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Broman, 120): That we concur with majority report on Section 3, Article 8. Carried.

Article IX. Transfers, Craft Cards, Etc.

Article 9, Section 1, read. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Section 2, Article 9, read as follows:

Section 2: Members of an industrial union who cease work in that industry and are working in another industry for thirty days or more, must transfer to the proper industrial union. No member is allowed to transfer unless actually working in the industry he wishes to transfer to. Committee concurs unanimously.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 10, Section 1, read as follows:

Article X. Charters.

Section 1: The number of signers required on application for branch charter shall not be less than twenty. Committee concurs unanimously.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Mann, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 10, Section 2: Any union of the Industrial Workers of the World that fails to pay its per capita for a period of six (6) months shall be considered defunct, and all property, books, monies and effects shall be surrendered to the General Office of the Industrial Workers of the World, to be held in trust for a period of one year, pending reorganization of such union. At the end of that period the funds and property shall become the property of the general organization. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Thompson, 440): That we concur with majority report on Section 2, Article 10. Carried.

Article 10, Section 3, adopted without amendments, unanimously.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee on Article 10, Section 3. Carried.

Article 10, Section 4, read as follows:

Section 4: Upon a union surrendering its charter, the General Executive Board shall appoint a representative of the Industrial Workers of the World to take charge of the charter, supplies and property and funds of said union. Members or officers of said union refusing to deliver charter, supplies, property or funds of union surrendering its charter to the authorized representatives of the Industrial Workers of the World shall be expelled from the organization.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 10, Section 5, read as follows:

Section 5: The General Executive Board shall have full charge of a newly-chartered industrial union until a membership of one thousand is reached.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Fisher, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 9, Section 3, adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Erwin, 230): That we concur with committee on Article 9 Section 3. Carried.

Article 9, Section 4, adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee on Article 9, Section 4. Carried.

Article 9, Section 5, read as follows:

Withdrawal Cards.

Section 5: On application, members who cease to be wage workers shall send their cards to the secretary-treasurer of their industrial union, who shall enter date of withdrawal on transfer page of membership book, together with his official signature, and shall return same to the withdrawing member.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee on Article 9, Section 5.

Amend. (Mann, 110-Gray, 110): That this clause be stricken out of the constitution.

Amendment lost, 6 for, 14 against. Motion carried, 15—6.

Article 11, read as follows:

Article XI. Wages of Officers and Employes.

(b) The general secretary-treasurer and general executive board members shall receive $4 per day and mileage while on actual duty. The general executive board shall set the wages for all general organization employes and organizers.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee on Article 11.

Amend. (Hanson, 110-Schwandt, 330): That the $4 be changed to $5 per day.

Amendment to amendment. (Swanson, 310-Nelson, 310): That the general secretary-treasurer and general executive board members shall receive $28 per week while on actual duty. General executive board shall set the wages for employes, general organizers and speakers.

Gray wishes to speak on amendment. Chair rules he cannot speak twice on amendment and motion.

Chair sustained, 13—5.

Amendment to amendment lost, 5—17.

Amendment lost, 10—11.

Motion carried, 12—9.

Henrikson and Schwandt voting No on motion.

Committee reports herewith on General By-laws Committee.

Article 1, Section 1, of General By-laws, read as follows:

General By-laws. Article 1.

Section 1: Unions shall have the power to enact such laws for their government as they may deem necessary, providing they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Industrial Workers of the World. Committee concurs unanimously.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 1, Section 2, read as follows:

Section 2: A majority vote cast shall rule in the general organization and its subordinate parts. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Broman, 120): That we concur with committee on Section 2, Article 1, General By-laws. Carried.

Article 1, Section 3, read as follows:

Section 3: All units of the Industrial Workers of the World shall pay all indebtedness to each other at the end of each month. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Mattson, 210-220): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 2, Section 1; Resolution No. 72, read as follows:

Resolution No. 1, from L. W. I. U. No. 120, Spokane, Wash.:

That we go on record in favor of abolishing the General Defense; and that Article 2 of the General By-laws, page 35, of the General Constitution, be stricken out.

Committee requests convention to settle defense question, so that committee can embody same in by-laws.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Hanson, 110): That Article 2 remains in the by-laws.

Chair rules motion out of order. Cole takes appeal on ruling of chair. Chair not sustained. Motion in order.

Amend. (Gray, 110-Walquist, 510): That all Defense committees shall render monthly financial reports to the General Headquarters.

Amendment to amendment. (Oates, 210-220-Mann, 110): That we rescind all previous action pertaining to the General Defense.

Chair rules amendment to amendment out of order.

Amendment lost. Motion lost.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That Frank P. O'Hare be given the floor for 5 minutes to explain prison factory trust situation. Carried, 14—9.

Frank P. O'Hare spoke herewith for about 5 minutes on prison-made garments, and distributed paper dealing with the subject.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Oberman, 110): That we rescind our action of the afternoon session of the 11th Day in regards to General Defense Committee Resolution No. 20. Carried, 13 for, 7 against.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Jordan, 110): That General Defense Committee be composed of the General Executive Board and the General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W.

Amend. (Oates, 210-220-Nelson, 310): That General Defense Committee be composed of the members of the G. E. B. and Secretary-Treasurer, and that they shall be empowered to hire any help necessary. All local defense committee shall submit a monthly financial report to the General Defense Committee. Carried, 20—3. Grad voting no; Murray voting no.

Article 3, Section 1, read as follows:

Article III. Charges.

Section 1: All charges by one member against another member shall be in writing, stating the facts and the names of witnesses with their statements regarding the offenses with which the accused member is charged. When the accuser and the accused are members of the same industrial union, the accused shall be tried at the industrial union branch or convention. If the accuser and the accused are members of different industrial unions, the accused shall be tried at the General Convention.

All such charges shall be filed with the General Secretary and the Secretary of the industrial union that the accused and the accuser are members of. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Broman, 120): That we concur with the committee on Article 3, General By-laws.

Amend. (Henrikson, 330-Thompson, 440): That we adopt Article 3, Section 1, as it stands now, and that Section 2, Article 3, be stricken out.

Amendment to amend. (Gray, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we refer this back to the committee for redrafting.

Amendment to amendment lost. Amendment lost. Motion lost.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Hanson, 110): That Article 3, Section 1, read: "All charges by one member against another member shall be in writing, stating the facts and the names of witnesses with their statements regarding the offenses of which the ac-

cused member is charged. The accused shall be tried before his industrial union branch or convention. All such charges shall be filed with the secretary of the industrial union that the accused is a member of."

Amend. (Erwin, 230-Mann, 110):That we add: "that appeal may be taken by either party to the general convention or the general membership of the industrial union of which the accused is a member, the findings to be published in the bulletin of the union of which both parties are members, and the publications; and Article 2 be stricken out."

Amendment to amendment. (Broman, 120-Swanson, 310): That all charges by one member against another member shall be in writing, stating the facts and the names of witnesses with their statements regarding the offenses with which the accused member is charged. When the accuser and the accused are members of the same industrial union, the accused shall be tried at his industrial union branch or convention. If the accuser and accused are members of different industrial unions, the accused shall be tried at the general convention. All such charges shall be filed with the general secretary and the secretaries of the industrial unions that the accused and accuser are members of.

Amendment to amendment lost, 10—11.

Motion and amendment carried, 11—5. (Voted on together).

Broman recorded as voting no.

Following communications read:

Telegram from Tacoma, Wash.:

CONFERENCE HERE PASSED FOLLOWING MOTIONS: (HOLLAND-GUSTAFSON): THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE PRESENT FARCE NOW GOING ON AT CHICAGO AS THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE I. W. W. LINDAHL-SWARTZ): THAT WE DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 120 DELEGATES AS HAVING VIOLATED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.—F. BEAUCHAMP, SECRETARY.

Telegram from Billings, Montana:

CHAIRMAN, GENERAL CONVENTION: MOTION WAS PASSED AT 310 MEETING HELD AT BILLINGS, MONTANA, THAT THIS BODY GOES ON RECORD AS NOT RECOGNIZING THE 16TH CONVENTION IN SESSION AT EMMET MEMORIAL HALL AS LEGAL. WILL NOT ABIDE BY ITS DECISION EITHER MORALLY OR FINANCIALLY. HARRY MURPHY, JACK MURPHY, MATHEW TRISLER,—COMMITTEE.

Telegram from Bessemer, Mich.:

THE BESSEMER BRANCH, M. M. U. No. 210, IN MEETING ASSEMBLED NOV. 2, DECIDED TO EXPRESS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE WORK SO FAR DONE BY THE PRESENT CONVENTION. IT DECIDED TO ANSWER ALL THREE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE CONVENTION IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WE URGE THE CONVENTION TO GO THROUGH WITH THE CLEAN-UP IT HAS UNDERTAKEN. WE ARE WITH YOU FOR A STRONG UNITED ONE BIG UNION. WAINO KANTALA, CHAIRMAN; OSCAR MAKELA, SECRETARY.

Telegram from Salt Lake City, Utah.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF SALT LAKE DISTRICT, 210-220, RECOGNIZE THE DELEGATES TO CONSTITUTIONAL GENERAL CONVENTION AS QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIFFERENT I. U.s OF THE I. W. W. ERICK LINDEN, SECRETARY, PRO TEMPORE.

Telegram from Eugene, Ore., read:

NOTIFY CONVENTION GENERAL STRIKE NATRON CUTOFF, DEMAND RELEASE MATERIAL DEMANDS FOLLOW CO-OPERATION. RESPONSE GOOD. THREE THOUSAND MEN AFFECTED. COMMITTEE, PER GEO. RHODES.

Telegram from Schenectady, read:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, NOV. 3, SCHENECTADY. THIRTY MEMBERS TOOK UP THREE QUESTIONS, AND FOLLOWING ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN: QUESTIONS NOS. ONE AND TWO, CONCURRED WITH; WITH QUESTION NO. 3, CONCUR; BUT THAT ALL MATTER PERTAINING TO CONTROVERSY BE RATIFIED BY REFERENDUM. SJOBLOM VOTING NO. MINUTES WILL FOLLOW. FRANK NORMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY.

Minutes and resolution from Newport, Wash., read as follows:

Job branch meeting, L. W. I. U. No. 120.

Newport, Wash., 10-26-24.

Called to order by Card No. 826993.

Card conductor reports 8 members in good standing.

M. & S. That card conductor's report be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes of last meeting be filed. Carried.

M. & S. That communication from G. E. B. be laid over to New Business. Carried.

New Business.

M. & S. That floor be thrown open on communication from G. E. B. Carried.

Lengthy discussion followed.

M. & S. That we elect a resolutions committee of three to act on communication from G. E. B., and statement in Worker in regard to convention. Carried.

Resolutions Committee nominated: Thos. L. Welsh, John Warrenfeltz, Geo. Van Deusen.

M. & S. That nominations be closed and fellow workers elected by acclamation. Carried.

M. & S. That we adjourn fifteen minutes to give committee time to function. Carried.

Report of Resolutions Committee.

Resolution reads:

Whereas, Thirteen delegates sitting in convention representing I. U.s 110, 330, 510, 440 and

official conductor are ineligible to sit in convention, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Newport job branch, in session assembled, DO NOT recognize convention as bona fide. We do not approve of administration elected.—John Warrenfeltz, Thos. L. Welsh, Geo Van Deusen.—Committee.

M. & S. That we concur with the resolutions committee. Carried.

M. & S. That we wire a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the convention, and G. E. B., and mail copy to all branches. Carried.

M. & S. That we adjourn. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Oberman, 110): That resolution from Newport be sent back with demand that they furnish proof of this resolution. Carried.

Minutes from Minot, read as follows:

Minot, North Dakota.
November 2, 1924.

I. U. 110 meeting called to order by Stationary Delegate.

McGregor Cole elected Chairman by acclamation.

Conductor, (X-64250), reports 15 members of A. W. I. U. No. 110 in good standing present.

M. & S. That stationary delegate act as recording secretary. Carried.

M. & S. That we uphold the present convention and that we also concur with Sacramento, Cal., A. W. I. U. No. 110 business meeting of October 24, 1924. Carried.

McGregor Cole, X-27593, Chairman.
Marian Simovic, Recording Sec'y.

Filed.

Press Committee presented report, which was accepted, with no objection.

Article 4, General by-laws, in regard to auditing committee, stricken out. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Gray, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 5, General By-laws, read:

Article V. Employes, Etc.

Section 1: All persons hired by the I. W. W. shall be members of the I. W. W. for at least 90 days wherever possible.

Resolution from I. U. 330 convention.

Whereas, There are employes of the I. W. W. in headquarters who are non-members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all permanent employes be members of the I. W. W., and no one not carrying a red card shall be employed in headquarters longer than thirty days.

All employes hired by the I. W. W. shall be members of the I. W. W. when possible. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee on Article 5, Section 1. Carried.

Article 5, Section 2, (Resolution No. 27), read:

Expelled Members.

Section 2: The general organization, industrial departments and industrial unions, shall be prohibited from employing or reinstating expelled members, except as provided for in the By-laws and Constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World, until such expelled members shall be reinstated and placed in good standing by the union or unions from which they were expelled.

Resolution No. 5 (from John Graham):

Be It Resolved, That we live up to the General Constitution in regard to filing charges and expelling or suspending members or else that it be stricken from the Constitution.

Section 2: The general organization and industrial unions shall be prohibited from employing expelled members, until such expelled members have been reinstated and placed in good standing by the union or unions from which they are expelled. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Gray, 110): That we do not concur with the committee.

Motion withdrawn.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Specd, 510): That we concur with committee on Article 5, Section 2.

Amend. (Leonard, 310-Nelson, 310): That General Defense be inserted into this clause.

Withdrawn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Wednesday, November 5, 1924.

Session called to order by P. J. Welinder, Chairman.

All delegates present except Fred Mann, S. J. Cole, Mattson, Oates; also Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Constitution and By-laws Committee took up report where it was left off yesterday.

Article VI. General By-Laws. Delinquency.

Section 1. Resolution No. 34, I. U. 310.

Resolution No. 6, from Portland Conference:

Resolved, That Article 6, Section 3, Page 39, of the General Constitution, be changed to read: All delegates of the general organization or subordinate parts in arrears in their accounts for sixty (60) days, shall be deprived of voice and vote until their accounts are squared up.

Members whose dues are sixty days in arrears shall be in bad standing and shall not be entitled to any rights or benefits in the I. W. W. until thirty days after such dues have been paid.

Section 2 embodied in Section 1.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 6, Section 3, read as follows:

Delinquent delegates are members in bad standing. Delinquency of delegates shall de defined by the industrial union to which the delegate belongs.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Grad, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article 7 stricken out. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Henrikson, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article VIII, Sections 1, 2, read as follows:

Article VIII, Supplies, Etc.

Section 1: All subordinate organizations of the Industrial Workers of the World must procure and use such supplies as due books, due stamps, official buttons ,labels and badges from the General Secretary-Treasurer. All such supplies to be of uniform design.

Section 2: Embodied in Section 1.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article VIII, Section 3, read as follows:

Section 3: Industrial Union Branches shall purchase all due stamps and other supplies from Headquarters of their Industrial Union.

Article VIII, Section 3, Resolution No. 79, I. U. 120: Each industrial union shall have the right to levy its own assessments.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Oberman, 110): That we concur with committee. (Cole arrived at 9:20.)

Amended (Schwandt, 330-Murray, 120): That we concur with recommendation of committee, and Article VIII, Section 2, be placed in the constitution under the heading of "Revenue."

Broman and Oates arrived at 9:22.

Fisher and Broman call for roll call vote on amendment. Same follows:

(110) Mann absent, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson, yes, Gray absent, Cole yes; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray yes; (210-220) Oates yes, Mattson absent; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard no, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson no, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Carried, 469 11-14 for, 86 1-2 against.

Minutes of yesterday's session read.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Broman, 120): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Mann arrived at 10 a. m.

Communication from Seattle, Wash., read as follows:

Sept. 9, 1924.

C. G. Bregan, General Delivery,
Wenatchee, Washington.

Fellow Worker:—

Have written Linn and Hanley to put me in touch with a few reliable men around Washington, and they recommended you to work in hand with I. U. 510 there, as things are in bad shape in Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Portland, Ore. This is due to the fact that the dues were raised to $1 per month and the initiation fee to $5 by the General Executive Board.

These branches are objecting to this increase while the branches on the east coast are in favor of it and have put it into effect. The increase has been working out successfully by those accepting it.

In order to get the above named branches into shape, we must have some reliable men to work amongst the fellow workers to make them see the necessity of this raise in revenue. Due to the conditions there now, we have no 510 members upon whom we could depend.

We trust you will co-operate with us to get these branches back into shape. In order to do this, it would be necessary that you transfer into I. U. 510 so you could attend the meetings. We will send you credentials as soon as we hear from you.

Awaiting an early reply, we are,

Yours for the I. W. W.,

(Signed) JOHN ARON.

Seattle, Wash., October 29, 1924.

Chairman General Convention,
Chicago, Illinois.

Fellow Worker:—

Enclosed find a copy of a letter sent to C. G. Bregan from John Aron. We are requesting you to investigate this matter to the bottom and all parties involved. This branch is of the opinion that a plot to break up I. U. 510 was intended.

We also think that the writer of this letter, John Aron, should be requested to give an explanation.

Hoping you will take this up, we remain, yours for the I. W. W.—**Port Delegate.**

P. S.—The original letter is held in this branch.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Schwandt, 330): That the 510 delegates inform the chairman in regard to the action they took on this matter at the 510 convention and the information be sent to the party asking for same. Carried.

Minutes from San Pedro, Calif., read but not inserted as their contents appeared in a telegram previously.

Broman of the administration committee reported as follows:

This morning I telephoned to the lawyer's office in regard to this hearing on the petition up in Sullivan's court, in regard to whether the money shall be taken out of the funds tied up in the bank to pay Rowan's expenses in regard to the injunction proceedings. Cunnea was not there but from his office I got the information that it probably would come up tomorrow. Another question I want to take up here: we have received an application for a charter from 20 members of I. U. No. 460, in Oakland, California. They want a charter. The charter is supposed to be signed by the G. E. B., secretary-treasurer, and chairman of the G. E. B. What I want to know is, does the convention want to authorize the issuing of this charter, or what do you want to do about it?

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Erwin, 230): That report of administration committee be accepted, and they be instructed to issue a temporary charter for the Oakland branch of I. U. 460. Carried.

Article VIII, Section 4, read as follows:

Clearing House.

Section 4: The General Headquarters shall be the clearing house for all supplies, and sub-stations shall be set up where necessary, and numbered as branches, and issue supplies to all Industrial Unions in that given locality, and the same shall be under the jurisdiction of Joint District Organization committee, and as supplies are issued to branches of the different Industrial Unions, said supplies, as issued, will be charged to same; and the expense of same shall be paid on the pro rata basis of actual receipts for organization.

When an Industrial Union notifies clearing house to cut off supplies from any subordinate part of the Industrial Union, and such supplies are not cut off, the Industrial Union shall not be required to pay for them.

Article VIII, Section 4. Resolution 3-15-11-1-37, I. U. 310:

Resolution No. 34, from the Southwest District:

Resolved, That all credentials must be in headquarters before clearance is issued for same, and the credentials disposed of.

Resolution No. 2, Portland Conference:

Whereas, In the past it has caused a lot of duplication of work by G. O. C. members for instance of Industrial Unions 120, 110, 310, in going over the same territory, thereby duplicating traveling expenses where one man could have done all of it; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we elect one G. O.C. to function for all industrial unions, say five from each industrial union, or as many as are needed; and be it further

Resolved, That alternates function as G. O. C. for all industrial unions in whatever district they are needed in, the district to have the power to install alternates as needed or as finances will permit. This would give each G. O. C. member a smaller district to cover, and his work would be done more effectively. Said G. O. C. to have power to take over office of the general secretary-treasurer and chairman of the G. E. B. in case of controversy, by a majority vote of the G. O. C. members.

Resolution from I. R. Nicholson and other members:

Whereas, This controversy in headquarters is a direct result of the centralization of the funds of the organization; and

Whereas, The general membership is very indifferent in their attitude toward the revolutionary principle of the I. W. W.; and

Whereas, The reason for this attitude is directly traceable to the lack of action in the various districts which in turn is the effect of the centralization of funds, which prevents the use of the necessary money for the furthering of organization work in the very districts they are collected in; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we go on record to return to the district per capita form of organization and use the 1914 constitution as a basis for reorganization. To-wit: Establish branches wherever there is enough construction work to make it advisable to have one. Said branches to buy their supplies from headquarters at a rate to finance main office, but no more assessments to be paid for in full, and the proceeds to be used for whatever they are issued for. Each branch to elect its own traveling delegates and carry on the organization work in whatever way seems best to the membership in the district. The function of the headquarters to be a clearing house and a general supply station for all branches. In this way we do away with politicians who strive to use the organization for their own selfish use. It also gives the branches more power to act, and will place the responsibility on the rank and file, where it properly belongs.

Resolution Committee offers following substitute:

General Headquarters of the I. W. W. shall be a clearing house for all industrial unions and branches, and job, traveling delegates and organizers of the I. W. W. All supplies issued to branches, general organizers, traveling delegates, shall be issued by the general clearing house. The general clearing house branches, general organizers and delegates shall issue supplies to job delegates. All supply accounts of branches, traveling general organizers and job delegates must be kept in the general clearing house. All branches, traveling delegates and general organizers shall be under the supervision of the membership in the field of their operation. All general organizers, traveling delegates, branches and job delegates shall do business for all industrial unions, and their expenses shall be charged pro rata to the industrial unions that they do business for. All general organizers, traveling delegates or job delegates must send their financial report to the branch nearest to the field of operation at least every two weeks, except where the general clearing house is nearer than any branch. All credentials shall be universal and must be renewed every six months. General organizers, traveling delegates and branches must get credentials from general clearing house and can issue same to job delegates. The general secretary-treasurer shall have full charge of the clearing house; he shall deposit all monies received by the clearing house in a reliable bank and be bonded by a reliable bonding firm to the amount of $5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) or more. All money due to any subordinate part of the I. W. W. shall be paid weekly if demanded by officials who are authorized by the membership to handle same. All membership records and books of all subordinate parts of the I. W. W. shall be kept by the general clearing house. Modern office equipment shall be immediately installed in the clearing house. The branches must send all supply bills and financial reports to the clearing house weekly.

Resolution No. 1, by Julius Bohlems:

In the past it has been the fault of our organization to centralize the finances of the organiza-

tion, thus leaving districts and branches without funds with which to carry on the work of organizing and building up the industrial unions in various districts; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in order to do away with commercializing our organization, and also to better centralize our organization activities, the following platform for a general headquarters be adopted by the 1924 General Convention and submitted to a referendum for ratification:

Article 8 of the General By-Laws of the I. W. W. of the General Constitution shall be changed to read as follows: Section 1: All departments and other subordinate parts of the I. W. W. shall use the official I. W. W. stamps in their membership books. All stamps shall be paid for as provided in Article 6, Section 2, and no member shall be considered in good standing who fails to pay dues inside of sixty (60) days. Section 2: All delegates and branches must procure supplies such as membership books, official buttons, labels, badges and stamps from the general secretary-treasurer, all of which shall be of uniform design.

Section 3: Industrial Union branches shall purchase all due stamps and other supplies from the general headquarters.

Section 4: All industrial union organization committeemen, traveling delegates, headquarters and branch secretaries and supply clerks, etc., shall be supplied with credentials from the general headquarters of the I. W. W.

Section 5: The general headquarters shall be the clearing house for all supplies, and sub-stations shall be set up where necessary, and same shall be under the juridiction of a joint district organization committee.

Paragraph (a): The general headquarters shall issue all supplies of the I. W. W. direct to the traveling delegates, industrial union organization committeemen, branch secretaries, supply clerks, or job delegates, and as supplies are issued to branches of the different industrial unions or joint branches, said supplies, as issued, will be charged to same; and expense of same shall be paid on the pro rata basis of actual receipts for organization.

Section 6: All branch secretaries must remit 40 per cent of all due stamps sold and one dollar for each initiation fee to the general headquarters at the end of each month. Those failing to do so shall be closed after fifteen (15) days.

Paragraph (a): Industrial union organization committeemen, job delegates, and traveling delegates shall remit to the branch offices or to general headquarters; all branches have the right to retain 60 per cent of all initiation fees and dues regardless of what industrial union the transaction is in that comes to their business.

Paragraph (b): When an industrial union notifies the clearing house to cut off supplies from any subordinate part of the industrial union, and such supplies are not cut off, the industrial union shall not be required to pay for them.

Paragraph (c): Joint branches issuing supplies to delegates shall be responsible for such supplies, and notice of the amount of supplies must be sent to general headquarters. All branches shall be subject to a clearance at the general convention ruling, provided the branch has a justifiable grievance.

Section 7: General headquarters shall retain 15 cents per capita for each due stamp sold and 25 cents on each initiation fee, and the balance shall be turned over to the industrial union headquarters which the member paying dues represents.

Paragraph (a): All stamps such as defense, educational and bond, must be remitted in full to the general headquarters, unless it is otherwise provided.

Section 8: Joint district branches may be started by twenty-five (25) members of any industrial union, and maintained under the jurisdiction of general membership or general industrial union district councils.

Paragraph (a): All funds retained by all branches to the amount of $200 or more must be deposited in a bank by the branch secretary, and shall be under the jurisdiction of a finance committee of three (3) or more members, and the will of the branch membership.

Section 9: Job delegates carrying I. W. W. credentials shall be eligible to transfer from one industrial union to another, provided the delegates have no cash on hand in account with general headquarters of the I. W. W. or any subordinate part of the I. W. W.

Paragraph (a): Job delegates upon transferring from one industrial union to another, shall notify general headquarters of the I. W. W. and also the industrial union of which they originally were members.

Committee requests that clearing house proposition be thrashed out on the floor of the convention.

Gray arrived at 10:15 a. m.

Committee herewith read all data pertaining to clearing house, etc. Requested that body as a whole thresh out clearing house question on the floor.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Nelson, 310): That we concur with Resolution No. 1 from I. U. 310.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mann, 110): That we table the clearing house and all of its recommendations. Record vote called for. Same follows:

(110) Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole yes; (120) Welinder no, Broman no, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Oates no, Mattson absent; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt no, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson no, Chuba absent; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Lost, 8 to 14.

Amended (Walquist, 510-Henrikson, 330): That all reference to the clearing house be stricken from

the constitution. Chair rules amendment out of order. Walquist appeals rule of chair. Chair stated grounds. Walquist withdraws appeal. Fisher 110, appeals decision of chair. Fisher withdraws appeal. Motion voted up, record vote, as follows:

(110) Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson absent, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder, no, Broman no, Grad no, Murray absent; (210-220) Mattson absent, Oates no; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Lost, 3 to 19

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Cole, 110): That Section 4, Article VIII, be stricken from the by-laws. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Walquist, 510): That we do not concur with any form of clearing house.

Amended (Henrikson, 330-Speed, 510): That discussion on plans for clearing house so far offered be closed until new plans are submitted. Amendment carried, 10 to 9.

Article IX, Speakers and Organizers.

Article IX, Section 1, adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee on Section 1, Article IX. Carried.

Article IX, Section 2, adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Murray, 120): That we concur with committee.

Amended (Henrikson, 330-Thompson, 440): That it shall read: No organizer of the I. W. W. shall advocate any political party platform.

Amendment lost, 8 to 9. Motion carried.

Article IX, Section 3, stricken out, having been dealt with previously in Article II of constitution.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120): That we concur with committee on Section 3. Carried, 15 to 1.

Article X. Intoxication, Etc.

Article X, Sec. 1, "Intoxication," adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Leonard, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Article X, Section 2, read as follows:

Section 2: Any member who is, on sufficient proof, found engaged in selling intoxicating liquor (bootlegging) shall be expelled.

Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Leonard, 310): That we concur with recommendation of committee. Carried.

Article XI. Adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

Article XI. Commissions.

The commission on initiations shall be no more than 50 cents.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Fisher, 110): That this article XI be stricken out of the by-laws. Lost, 9 to 12.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee on Article XI. Carried, 11 to 5.

Article XII adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Leonard, 310): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolutions: Political Parties and Discipline.

Whereas, The primary object of the Industrial Workers of the World is to unite the workers on the industrial battlefield; and

Whereas, Organization in any sense implies discipline through the subordination of parts to the whole and of the individual member to the body of which he is a part; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the end of promoting industrial unity and of securing necessary discipline within the organization, the I. W. W. refuses all alliances, direct and indirect, with existing political parties or anti-political sects, and disclaims responsibility for any individual opinion or act which may be at variance with the purposes herein expressed.

Adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Oberman, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Agreements.

Any agreement entered into between the members of any union or organization and their employers, as a final settlement of any difficulty or trouble which may occur between them, shall not be considered valid or binding until the same shall have the approval of the General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World.

No union of the general organization, Industrial Department or Industrial Union of the I. W. W. shall enter into any contract with an individual or corporation of employers binding the members to any of the following conditions:

(a) Any agreement wherein any specified length of time is mentioned for the continuance of said agreement.

(b) Any agreement wherein the membership is bound to give notice before making demands affecting hours, wages or shop conditions.

(c) Any agreement wherein it is specified that the members shall work only for employers who belong to an association of the employers.

(d) Any agreement that proposes to regulate the selling price of the product they are employed in making.

(e) No Industrial Union, or any part of the Industrial Workers of the World shall enter into agreement with any labor organization contrary to the principles of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Adopted without amendment. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Chuba, 440): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 23, I. U. 310, read as follows:

That any delegate transferring to any other I. U. shall not be eligible for any office for a period of one year from date of transfer. Committee does not concur, majority report.

M. & S.: That we concur with majority report. Carried.

Resolution No. 98, I. U. 330, read as follows:

That no Industrial Union be allowed a credit of more than twenty (20) per cent of the amount of business done the previous fiscal year; after drawing same, all further orders must be cash. Committee does not concur.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Cole, 110): That we concur with committee. Carried, 12 to 3.

Resolution No. 68, I. U. 510, read as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend to the general convention that all rules pertaining to strictly Industrial Union matters be stricken from the general constitution and left up to the Industrial Union concerned. Committee reports that they have tried to comply with this, insofar as possible. Chair rules resolution already covered by work done.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Cole, 110): That pages 45-71 be stricken from the by-laws.

M. & S: That the motion be tabled. Lost.

Amended (Jordan, 110-Hanson, 110): That we leave pages 46 and 47 in the constitution. Amendment lost. Motion lost, 6 to 12.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSSION—21ST DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2 p. m. All delegates present except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Communication from Spokane, read as follows:

P. J. Welinder:—Spokane branch goes on record for having the convention put out ballot for the recall of every official who took part in the controversy, whether guilty or innocent, and asks the cooperation of all Industrial Unions in same and the discharge of all employees who took part in the eviction of the G. E. B.—JAMES HENRY.

Minutes from Baltimore branch of I. U. No. 510 read. Not inserted, as they were covered by a wire, previously incorporated.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Chuba, 440): That an engrossing committee of three be elected to go over minutes for final reading and segregate all articles carried by convention and prepare them for referendum.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Cole, 110): That this motion be tabled until the last day of this convention.

Vote, 10 to 10. Chairman voted against tabling motion, as he contends that the work can begin. Motion carried.

Nominations open for committee of three to be engrossing committee: Walquist (accepts), Jordan (declines), Cole (declines), Fisher (declines), Mattson (declines), Nelson (accepts), Mann (accepts), Henrikson (declines).

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Hanson, 110): That three who accepted be elected by acclamation. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That should an emergency arise in which the secretary-treasurer and the G. E. B. or parts thereof refuse to meet and legislate as one body, they shall stand suspended, and the industrial unions be immediately notified to send in the alternates to take over the offices. Carried, 10 to 6.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Mann, 110): That we take from the table the motion regarding per capita tax. Carried.

Motion follows: M. & S. (Speed, 510-Gray, 110): That we concur with majority report. (Which is, that we leave per capita at 15c, as now provided in the constitution, Article VII, Section 2 (b).) Roll call vote demanded, (Swanson, Murray).

(110) Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray absent, Cole yes; (120) Welinder no, Broman absent, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates no; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Lost, 280 for, 330 against.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Oberman, 110): That we do not concur with the minority report. Roll call vote demanded, as follows:

(110) Mann yes, Fisher no, Obermann yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray absent, Cole yes; (120) Welinder no, Broman absent, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates no; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Lost, 280 for, 330 against.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Nelson, 310): That we concur with minority report. Roll call vote follows:

(110) Mann no, Fisher yes, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray absent, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman absent, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates yes; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson no, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed not voting, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Carried, 330 to 219.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Henrikson, 330): That all Industrial Unions and branches be made to pay their literature and supply bills to Headquarters, and time be limited to 90 days. Chair rules motion out of order at this time.

Report of auditing committee made herewith, Frank Grad on floor.

We, the auditing committee elected by the convention, have audited the books and accounts of R. R. W. I. U. No. 520 for the months of April, May, June and July, 1924.

We verify the report of the general office auditing committee which audited the books on July 29th at the request of the general office, with exception of two corrections as follows:

Receipts for July, 1924 should be $697.66 instead of $679.66.

Amount in bank according to statement of August 4th has since been drawn out by John Grady,

amount $33.02, which makes $229.56 for which Grady has not accounted.

(Signed) Frank Grad,
Ruth Rumbaugh,
J. Sanjour.

We, the undersigned, audited the books of the main office of I. U. 520, for the months of April, May, June and July, 1924 and make the following report:

We found considerable items of expenditures by delegates for which no vouchers were turned in to the main office. We also found a couple of minor expenditures by the main office for which there were no vouchers. We also made some minor corrections on the books. One check was found for which there was no entry in the books. This check amounted to 80 cents.

As a receipt was on hand for stamps to the amount of $30.86 and only a check and entry in the books corresponding to this receipt for $30.06, we took the 80c check to cover the difference arising and ordered same entered and proper credit given.

Wages paid to the chairman of the G. O. C., though he was around Chicago and the main office all this time, were mostly listed under other headings than main office salaries.

	Cash Recpts.	Inits.	Dues	Cash Exp.
April	$557.75	$144.00	$457.00	$666.96
May	792.54	202.00	544.00	861.52
June	712.92	292.00	621.50	631.14
July	697.66	302.00	474.00	835.43

Wages drawn for this period were:

John Grady	$640.58
Harry E. Trotter	432.00
Other main office salaries	492.35
Total	$1,564.93

We contest the following checks: Check No. 153, July 16, 1924, for $8.62, appended as Exhibit No. 1. Entered as "to cover postage received and expended." We recommend that this be not allowed as there exists no receipt for this expenditure till Grady makes some explanation why no voucher for this could be obtained.

Check No. 164, July 29, 1924, for $100 to Harry Trotter, appended as Exhibit No. 2, money advanced to Harry Trotter on account. This check, we have reasons to believe, was made out after Grady was notified to turn I. U. 520 over to the general office. Trotter was on no organization campaign at the time, but around the main office of 520, therefore no occasion existed to advance him money.

Check No. 65, $25, July 29, 1924, offered as Exhibit No. 3, to Harry Trotter for postage stamps. This check, also, was made out after Grady had been notified that 520 would be taken over by the general office. No receipt exists for postage stamps to cover same.

An explanation is necessary why the committee holds Grady and not Trotter responsible for these two checks. The position of the committee is that these two checks were made out by Grady not in good faith. To hold Trotter responsible would make the issuing of these checks a legitimate transaction. From all evidence at hand the committee is of the opinion that the whole transaction was illegitimate, the issuing of the checks and everything else connected with it, and directed only to one purpose, that being to get hold of all the funds of I. U. 520.

Check, no number, date July 29, offered as Exhibit No. 4, for $50 to John Grady.

No stub exists for this check in the check-book. As a matter of fact, the check never came out of the check book used in the main office of 520. The variety in size and make-up by comparison with other checks will prove this.

It was made out after Grady left the 520 office, for there is no entry in the books for same. Grady closed his books, called up the bank for the balance in the books, as being $83.00. Statement gotten from the bank by the committee shows $33.02 on hand. Bank statement appended as Exhibit No. 4. This proves that Grady made out this check after leaving the 520 office.

We sum up as follows:

Cash on hand, according to J. Grady's acct		$146.23
Checks contested by committee, not including Check no number, no stub, no entry		133.62
		$279.85
Turned over to Doyle, cash	$50.29	
In the bank, according to bank statement, 8-4-24	33.02	83.31
Total due from John Grady		$196.54

(Signed) Sam Forbes, No. 196842;
E. W. Latchem, No. 80490;
Fred Fisher, No. 190890.

Chicago, August 4, 1924.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Chuba, 440): That report of the auditing committee as to 520 books be accepted as progress and filed for future reference. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Oates, 210-220): That the general administration committee be instructed to ask John Grady, secretary-treasurer of I. U. 520, to turn over all books, supplies and finances belonging to 520, and if he refuses to do so, he stand expelled from the organization. Same shall be advertised in all papers of the I. W. W. Carried unanimously.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Henrikson, 330): That all Industrial Unions and branches shall be made to pay their supply and literature bills to Headquarters within time limit of 90 days.

Amended (Oates, 210-220-Cole, 110): That we have the word "back" inserted, so that it reads, "back bills." Amendment carried, 8 to 7.

Report of Finnish publication, Industrialisti, read by Finnish reporter, Fellow Worker Miller.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That report of Industrialisti be accepted as progress. Carried.

Report follows:

"Industrialisti" is the organ of the Finnish mem-

bers of the I. W. W. published in Duluth, Minn. It is published every day except on Sundays and statutory holidays, three times a week six-page, three times a week four-page. Few special editions are issued. Christmas last "Industrialisti" appeared 44-page.

The personnel of the "Industrialisti" is made up of: manager, five editors, one bookkeeper, one advertising manager, two office girls, one carrier in Duluth, and two permanent correspondents, one in New York City and one in Sudbury, Ont., Canada.

The whole personnel must be members of the I. W. W. One condition of qualification of editors is two years good standing in the I. W. W. previous to election.

Editors are elected on referendum by Finnish members of the I. W. W. and the O. B. U. of Canada. Editors' term of office is two years.

The supervision of editing and general affairs is in the hands of a board of directors of seven, who are elected annually in the annual meeting of stockholders of the Workers Socialist Publishing Co., the publishers of "Industrialisti."

Stocks in the Workers Socialist Publishing Co. are sold to members of the I. W. W. and of the O. B. U. of Canada only; only one share of stock is sold to one individual. Branches of the I. W. W. or societies composed solely of members of the I. W. W., are allowed to purchase stock, not to exceed the number of 25 for one branch or society.

The policy laid down for official publications of the I. W. W. is strictly adhered to by "Industrialisti."

Two periodicals are issued every year by The Workers Socialist Publishing Co. Also most of the pamphlets published by the I. W. W. have been translated into Finnish and published by The Workers Socialist Publishing Co.

Financial statement of The Workers' Socialsit Publishing Company, publishers of "Industrialisti," at the end of fiscal year, April 30th, 1924.

Profit and Loss Account, April 30, 1924

Profits:

Subscriptions	$39,930.61
Advertising	19,429.90
Books and stationery	1,526.99
Xmas and Midsummer magazines	1,267.22
Job printing	94.53
Teolliseen Yhteiskuntaan, a book	4.50
Xmas advertising	4,318.82
Interest income	125.75
Total	$57,698.32

Losses:

Printing of "Industrialisti"	$30,289.28
Insurance premiums	52.90
Supplies	2,389.27
Salaries of editorial department	8,307.85
General expenses	396.66
Auditing of books	46.00
100 Per Cent Patriot, a book	90.12
Mileage of board of directors	382.44
Canadian currency exchange	26.18
Salaries of office force	7,209.40
Rent	1,830.00
Mailing of "Industrialisti"	3,807.95
Wires, news service, etc., editor'l dept.	593.17
Telephone	168.76
Commission sale of stock	5.05
Doubtful accounts	83.68
Mileage of speakers	38.27
Donated to Work People's College and Educational Bureau	1,190.05
Net surplus during the year	791.29
Total	$57,698.32

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, April 30, 1924

Assets:

Cash on hand and in bank	$ 9,979.20
Accounts receivable	1,753.83
Advertising accounts receivable	1,955.97
Unexpired insurance	25.10
Supplies unused	444.95
Library of editorial department	150.00
Books and stationery	536.85
100 Per Cent Patriot, a book	442.82
Deficit of earlier years	3,114.59
Total	$18,403.31

Liabilities:

Capital stock sold	$ 1,771.00
Notes payable	300.00
Accounts payable	2,490.21
Unexpired subscriptions, due subs'b'rs	13,842.10
Total	$18,403.31

Broman arrived at 4 p. m.

Communication from Wm. Hanley, read as follows:

November 5, 1924.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman of Convention.

Fellow Worker:

I wish to make a statement about Fellow Worker Arthur Linn, General Executive Board member, not being present to give a report to the convention, although I had previously stated to the delegates that he would appear there yesterday, but owing to yesterday being a semi-legal holiday, there could be no legal action taken toward getting his release.

I had been promised yesterday that he would be out this morning, but as yet this has not been done, and there is no evidence of him being released soon, as everything has materialized only so far as a promise.

To state definitely just when he will get out, is out of the question and hoping that the convention will be held up no further on this matter, with best wishes, I remain,

Yours for the I. W. W.

WILLIAM HANLEY,
Secretary-Treasurer 110.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Schwandt, 330): That communication from Hanley be filed. Carried.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Jordan, 110): That the charters of Industrial Unions 120 and 310 be revoked. That a temporary administration for these two Industrial Unions be established. Organization of such temporary administration be left to the delegates from these I. U.'s to this convention. Chair rules motion out of order. Fisher appeals rule of chair. Chair sustained. 10 to 4.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Hanson, 110): That we take up the controversy for the final settlement. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mattson, 210-220): That we take up the case of each individual separately, in the order in which they were heard. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That Fellow Worker Doyle be exonerated from all charges preferred against him in this controversy, and be not eligible for office for a period of three years.

Amended (Jordan, 110-Hanson, 110): That paragraph "not eligible to hold office for three years" be stricken out.

Amendment to amendment (Broman, 120-Oberman, 110): That Doyle be removed from office as secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., and all charges against him as such be dismissed, as they have not been proven.

Chair rules amendment to amendment in order. Jordan appeals ruling of chair. Chair sustained, 6 to 3.

Substitute (Walquist, 510-Mann, 110): That Tom Doyle be exonerated of all charges, accusations, and allegations in connection with the controversy, and that his temporary suspension become permanent upon acceptance of his resignation as secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. Record vote called for on substitute. Demanded by Leonard-Erwin. Same follows:

(110) Mann yes, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Hanson no, Jordan yes, Gray absent, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman no, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates not voting; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Walquist yes, Speed yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Lost 11 to 12.

Vote on amendment to amendment follows:

(110) Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray absent, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates no; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba yes; (510) Speed not voting, Walquist not voting; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Lost, 10 to 12.

Jordan and Mann recorded as voting no, on grounds that suspension of Fellow Worker Tom Doyle from office has not yet been lifted. Record vote on amendment follows:

(110) Mann yes, Fisher yes, Obermann yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray absent, Cole no; (120) Welinder no, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates yes; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no. Carried 14 to 10.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Sanjour, 330): That Tom Doyle's temporary suspension from office of secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. become permanent upon acceptance of his resignation as secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. on the floor of this convention.

Amended (Jordan, 110-Walquist, 510): That the suspension of Tom Doyle from office as secretary-treasurer be lifted subject to reconsideration by this body. Chair rules motion out of order on the ground that it has been explicitly stated that the suspension was temporary, PENDING trial and investigation, and with exoneration, the suspension is immediately lifted.

Motion withdrawn, amendment withdrawn.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Erwin, 230): That Fellow Worker Tom Doyle be discharged as general secretary-treasurer. Record vote follows:

(110) Mann no, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson no, Gray absent, Cole yes; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates yes; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson yes, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes. Carried, 20—4.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—TWENTY-SECOND DAY
November 6, 1924.

Morning session called to order by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty.

Communication from Radnor, Montana, read as follows:

Radnor, Montana, 11-2-24.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman
16th General Convention,
Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Worker:

We are sending you our answers to the questions the convention asks of the membership in the October 29th issue of the Worker. As there are not enough members here at Radnor, Montana, to hold a meeting, we are sending them to you as members of the rank and file.

Q. No. 1:—Yes, we recognize the convention now in session as bona fide, and place our confidence in the delegates to deal fairly and squarely with the questions that come before them.

Q. No. 2:—Yes, we approve of the action taken by the convention in regard to the controversy. And we also place our trust in the temporary administration committee to carry out the affairs as members of an industrial organization.

Q. No. 3:—Yes. We go on record as being in favor of the convention temporarily suspending the officials supposed to be functioning in our headquarters. Give them a fair and impartial trial, and if any official is found guilty of willfully breaking our by-laws and any disruptor in our organization, we wish the convention to deal with such as you see fit. We feel sure the rank and file will back you.

Wishing the convention success,

We remain, Yours for the Emancipation of the Slaves.

Bill Hayward, X-69711; Geo. Ellico, Del L4-784; H. G. Johnson, X-88986; S. Robbins, X-69785; L. W. Kvindlog, X-160023.

Wire from Houston, Texas, read as follows:

ANSWER TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BY THE HOUSTON BRANCH OF I. U. 510: Q. No. 1—YES; Q. No. 2—YES; Q. No. 3—YES. OTTO LARM, BRANCH SECRETARY, PRO TEMPORE.

Minutes of general membership meeting in Schenectady read but not incorporated, as their text appeared in wire previously incorporated in minutes.

Minutes of previous session read by S. J. Cole, reading clerk.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Grad, 120): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Case of Sam Kapon taken up for trial.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Nelson, 310): That this body find Sam Kapon guilty of neglect of duty as a G. E. B. member. Carried, 15—1.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Swanson, 310): That Sam Kapon will not be allowed to hold an office in the general organization for the coming three years.

Amend. (Erwin, 230-Jordan, 110): That this body recommend that the industrial union deal with him as they see fit.

Amendment out of order.

Amend. (Jordan, 110-Grad, 120): That we strike out the part that says, "will not be allowed to hold office for three years."

Amendment to amendment (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That Sam Kapon be expelled from the I. W. W., subject to a referendum vote of the membership.

Amendment to amendment lost on record vote; 3 for, 19 against.

110—Mann, absent; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Amendment lost on record vote; 5 for, 17 against.

110—Mann, absent; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Grad, yes; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Motion carried on record vote; 15 for, 6 against.

110—Mann, absent; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, absent; Grad, no; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; 230—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, absent; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Mann at the phone, therefore did not vote. Recorded himself as in favor of motion.

Case of Jas. Morris taken up for trial.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Jordan, 110): That we exonerate F. W. James Morris of all the accusations against him in this controversy.

Amend. (Swanson, 310-Grad, 120): That we find F. W. Morris guilty of neglecting his duty as assistant secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W.

Amendment lost on record vote; 6 for, 7 against.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, absent; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, yes; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Motion carried on record vote; 17 for, 6 against.

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, abs.; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, abs.; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, yes; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Leonard, 310): That assistant secretary-treasurer's office be declared vacant.

Chair rules that suspension of Jas. Morris automatically is lifted by exoneration, and he is again in office.

Chair rules that office can be declared vacant. Mann appeals decision. Chair not sustained, 5—9. Motion is out of order.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Fisher, 110): That F. W.

Morris be discharged immediately as assistant secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W. Carried.

Case of Joe Fisher, suspended general organizer, taken up for trial.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Erwin, 230): That we find F. W. Joe Fisher guilty of violating the Constitution, and that he be expelled from the organization, same to be placed on referendum ballot.

Fisher here stood up and said: "I do not want my expulsion to go on the referendum ballot. I wish to state that if I am found guilty of having violated the principles of the organization, I ask you, in order to save money, to expel me on this floor, and I will abide by the decision given."

Motion lost, 6—17, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; 120—Welinder no, Broman abs., Grad yes, Murray yes; 210-220—Mattson no, Oates yes; 230—Erwin yes, 310—Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson no; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson no, Chuba no; 510—Walquist no, Speed no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh no.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Leonard, 310): That F. W. Fisher be not permitted to hold an official position in the general organization.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mann, 110): That this motion be tabled until we find F. W. Fisher guilty or innocent.

Chair rules motion to table in order. Oates takes appeal on ruling, stating that the motion which failed to carry exonerated Fisher. Chair sustained, 14—3. Motion to table in order.

Motion to table carried, 11—7.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Oberman, 110): That suspension of F. W. Joe Fisher be lifted and he be discharged as general organizer of the I. W. W.

Chair rules Fisher stands suspended until we conclude this trial. Motion out of order.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Erwin, 230): That we find F. W. Joe Fisher guilty of violating the constitution and principles of the I. W. W.

Motion lost, 6—15, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, absent; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, abs.; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, not voting; Swanson, yes; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Oates voting no, because matter of guilt was disposed of when the motion of Nelson and Erwin failed to carry.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Nelson, 310): That we find F. W. Joe Fisher guilty of violating the General Constitution, Article 7, Section (a), and Article 3, Section (g).

Amend. (Jordan, 110-Oberman, 110): That we find Joe Fisher guilty of violating Article 7, Section 3 (a) for the best interests of the I. W. W.

Amendment to amendment. (Schwandt, 330-Gray, 110): That we exonerate F. W. Joe Fisher of all charges and accusations against him in this controversy.

Amendment to amendment lost, 9—14; 2 not voting, on record vote.

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Joe Oates not voting, contending that this matter was settled when previous motion was not carried; Erwin not voting for same reason.

Amendment lost, 9—14; 2 not voting, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Oates and Erwin not voting, same reason as given above; matter disposed of in former motion.

Motion carried, 12—11 on record vote.

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, no; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, no; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Oates and Erwin not voting; same reason as given previously.

Broman voting no, as he considers that Article 3, Section 7 (a) does not pertain to the conduct of the general organizer, but is intended to govern the affairs of the industrial union.

Jordan, Oberman and Gray voting no because it has not been proven that Joe Fisher violated Article 7, Section 3 (a).

Fisher voting no because it included the article about all the G. E. B., and to vote "yes" might mean that it could be interpreted that we shove the blame for this controversy onto Joe Fisher.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Henrikson, 310): That we take up tabled motion in regard to Fisher. Carried.

Motion follows: "(Speed, 510-Leonard, 310):

That F. W. Fisher be not permitted to hold an official position in the general organization."

Motion lost, 6—16; 3 not voting, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, no; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, no; Grad, yes; Murray, not voting; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, no; Swanson, yes; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Erwin and Oates voting no, as they consider Fisher exonerated by first motion.

Nelson and Murray voting no, for they believe F. W. Fisher should be expelled.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That Joe Fisher be prevented from holding office in the general organization for two years.

Amend. (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That we expel Fellow Worker Fisher.

Amendment lost, 5—18; 2 not voting, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, no; Cole, no; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, yes; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, no; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; 330—Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, no; Speed, no; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

Erwin, and Oates voting no, as they consider Fisher exonerated in first motion.

Jordan voting no, as he believes amendment conflicts with constitution.

Motion tied, 10—10; 5 not voting, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, no; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, yes; Grad, no; Murray, not voting; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, not voting; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, not voting; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, not voting; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Erwin, Oates, not voting; reason previously stated.

Recount of motion, record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, no; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, yes; Grad, no; Murray, not voting; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, absent; 230—Erwin, not voting; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, not voting; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, not voting; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Motion lost, 9—11; 4 not voting.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Schwandt, 330): That Joe Fisher be discharged from office as general organizer.

Motion carried, 16—2.

Case of Gibson taken up for trial.

M. & S. (Fisher, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That Gibson be exonerated of all charges and accusations in this controversy.

Lost, 10—12; 3 not voting, on record vote.

110—Mann, no; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, absent; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no, 330—Henrikson, absent; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, no; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, absent; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, no.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Murray, 120): That Chas. Gibson be expelled from the I. W. W.

Amend. (Broman, 120-Rumbaugh, S. I. U.): That Gibson be found guilty of neglect of duty as G. E. B. member and prevented from holding office in the general organization for three years.

Amendment carried on record vote; 14—11.

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Oberman, no; Jordan, no; Hanson, no; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, yes; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, no; 230—Erwin, no; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, no; Swanson, yes; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, no; Chuba, no; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Case of Peo Monoldi taken up for decision.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Swanson, 310): That Peo Monoldi be exonerated of all accusations and allegations made against him in regards to this controversy. Carried, 21—1; Murray not voting; Grad voting no.

Walquist takes chair at request of Chairman.

P. J. Welinder presented the following resolution:

Whereas, This convention has already gone on record condemning the form of publicity carried on by both factions in the headquarters controversy; and

Whereas, It has been distinctly proven that all statements made as to gunplay and use of weapons or violence in the general headquarters are pure and unadulterated lies; and

Whereas, It has been proven beyond doubt, both by verbal testimony and by signed receipts, that Justus Ebert, formerly editor of the Industrial Pioneer, is the party responsible for the wording of these contemptible, lying statements and bulletins, and that he himself must certainly be aware of the fact that they were not in conformity with actual facts; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Justus Ebert be declared unworthy to hold any position in the I. W. W. either as speaker, writer, official or in any other capacity; and, be it further

Resolved, That we demand that the Industrial Union of which said Justus Ebert is a member take immediate steps to have him tried and disciplined according to the findings of the trial committee.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Hanson, 110): That we concur with this resolution as presented. Carried, 17—3.

Schwandt voting no, because he believes Ebert should be expelled. Grad and Swanson voting no.

Case of Griffith taken up for trial.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Henrikson, 330): That F. W. Griffith be found guilty and stand expelled.

Amend. (Mann, 110-Fisher, 110): That we find Griffith guilty as charged.

Amendment carried on record vote, 20—5.

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, no; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 310—Walquist, yes; Speed, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Murray, 120): That J. A. Griffith stand expelled from the organization.

Amend. (Gray, 110-Henrikson, 330): That he stand expelled without referendum vote, because he requested it. Out of order.

Motion carried on record vote, 23—2.

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, no; Broman, yes; Grad, no; Murray, yes; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, yes; 310—Leonard, yes; Nelson, yes; Swanson, yes; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Walquist, yes; Speed, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Chairman voting no, because of action taken in previous cases. Grad recorded as voting no on the same grounds.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Chuba, 440): That we take up report of Grievance Committee. Carried.

Grievance Committee, Mann, Chairman, brought up charges by Erwin, against Vern Smith, Tom Doyle, Jas. Morris, Joe Fisher and Frank Gallagher.

Extract from minutes of San Pedro branch, I. U. 230, October 2, 1924.

M. & S. That this body act as a whole and file charges against the ones responsible for the destructive articles that appeared in the September and October issues of the Industrial Pioneer. Carried.

Extract from minutes of Taft branch, I. U. 230, October 5, 1924.

M. & S. That we concur with San Pedro branch in regards to charges preferred (by San Pedro branch) against the parties responsible for the destructive articles that appeared in the September and October issues of the Industrial Pioneer. Carried.

Causes of charges against Tom Doyle, Joe Fisher, James Morris, Vern Smith and F. J. Gallagher.

Whereas, The policy of the I. W. W. has always been and is now against practicing or advocating destruction of property, using force and violence or terrorism to accomplish its ends. Time and time again the G. E. B. and members have gone on record and reaffirmed past resolutions condemning these tactics; and

Whereas, The criminal syndicalism law of California clearly condemns force and violence, terrorism and destruction of property as shown in attached copy of the criminal syndicalism law of California, and hundreds of our members have sacrificed themselves, and thousands of dollars have been spent in proving that the I. W. W. or its members do not practice criminal syndicalism as defined by the statute; and

Whereas, This stand has resulted in a partial victory for the I. W. W. and has caused the powers that be in California to put over a more vicious form of legislation known as the Busick Injunction; and

Whereas, To violate the Busick Injunction it must be shown and proved that the members violated the criminal syndicalism law and did things condemned in that statute; and

Whereas, The policy of the defense in injunction cases in California is to prove that the I. W. W. does not nor ever did advocate or teach or practice the things covered by the criminal syndicalism law and the injunction; and

Whereas, Resolutions by former G. E. B. members and literature are daily used by the defense, and literature of an opposite character is used by the prosecution to prove our above contentions; and

Whereas, Just when the struggle and large expense of the members in California is beginning to count in our favor, these articles stated in the charges appear in the Pioneer and tear down the work done, by putting in the hands of the prosecution such articles as opportunely seem to appear to deliver our members into the hands of the law; and

Whereas, Vern Smith has been criticized time and time again for his articles and cartoons that are detrimental to the I. W. W., and against the policy of the organization, and he has persisted so many times that it looks like a direct attempt to assist the prosecution to send our members to jail; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we prefer charges against all officials who are responsible for the policy of the articles appearing in said issues of the Pioneer, and that the delegates to the General Convention act as a trial committee, and if said officials are found guilty, that they be expelled from the organization.

(Signed): Claude Erwin, No. 413208; Joe Lopes,

X102034; Wm. Stevenson, 735473; Wm. Velarde, X111694; John W. Walsh, X3645; W. Pembroke, X168997; S. C. McCann, X50444.

Charges against Vern Smith:

We, the undersigned members of O. W. I. U. 230, do hereby prefer specific charges against Vern Smith and associates, responsible for deliberately violating the policy of the I. W. W. by printing in the Industrial Pioneer of September an editorial, viz., "Mobilize for Class War," and in the Industrial Pioneer of October an article on the last page, headed "The Acid Test." And that these charges be taken up immediately, and those responsible for same be tried at once by the delegates to the 1924 convention.

(Signed): Claude Erwin, No. 413208; Joe Lopes, X102034; Wm. Stevenson, 735473; Wm. Velarde, X111694; John W. Walsh, X3645; W. Pembroke, X168997; S. C. McCann, X50444.

Charges against Tom Doyle, member A. W. I. U. No. 110:

We, the undersigned members of O. W. I. U. 230 de hereby prefer specific charges against Tom Doyle and associates, responsible for deliberately violating the policy of the I. W. W. by printing in the Industrial Pioneer of September an editorial, viz., "Mobilize for the Class War," and in the Industrial Pioneer of October an article on the last page, headed "The Acid Test," and that these charges be taken up immediately and those responsible for same be tried at once by the delegates to the 1924 general convention.

(Signed): Claude Erwin, No. 413208; Joe Lopes, X102034; Wm. Stevenson, 735473; Wm. Velarde, X111694; John W. Walsh, X3645; W. Pembroke, X168997; S. C. McCann, X50444.

Charges against F. J. Gallagher, member O. W. I. U. No. 230:

We, the undersigned members of O. W. I. U. 230 do hereby prefer specific charges against F.J. Gallagher and associates, responsible for deliberately violating the policy of the I. W. W. by printing in the Industrial Pioneer of September an editorial, viz., "Mobilize for the Class War," and in the Industrial Pioneer of October an article on the last page, headed "The Acid Test," and that these charges be taken up immediately and those responsible for same be tried at once by the delegates to the 1924 general convention.

(Signed): Claude Erwin, No. 413208; Joe Lopes, X102034; Wm. Stevenson, 735473; Wm. Velarde, X111694; John W. Walsh, X3645; W. Pembroke, X168997; S. C. McCann, X50444.

Charges against James Morris, member B. C. W. I. U. No. 330:

We, the undersigned members of O. W. I. U. 230 do hereby prefer specific charges against Jas. Morris and associates, responsible for deliberately violating the policy of the I. W. W. by printing in the Industrial Pioneer of September an editorial, viz., "Mobilize for the Class War," and in the Industrial Pioneer of October an article on the last page, headed "The Acid Test," and that these charges be taken up immediately and those responsible for same be tried at once by the delegates to the 1924 general convention.

(Signed): Claude Erwin, No. 413208; Joe Lopes, X102034; Wm. Stevenson, 735473; Wm. Velarde, X111694; John W. Walsh, X3645; W. Pembroke, X168997; S. C. McCann, X50444.

Charges against Joe Fisher, member of A. W. I. U. No. 110:

We, the undersigned members of O. W. I. U. 230 do hereby prefer specific charges against J. Fisher and associates, responsible for deliberately violating the policy of the I. W. W. by printing in the Industrial Pioneer of September an editorial, viz., "Mobilize for the Class War," and in the Industrial Pioneer of October an article on the last page, headed "The Acid Test," and that these charges be taken up immediately and those responsible for same be tried at once by the delegates to the 1924 general convention.

(Signed): Claude Erwin, No. 413208; Joe Lopes, X102034; Wm. Stevenson, 735473; Wm. Velarde, X111694; John W. Walsh, X3645; W. Pembroke, X168997; S. C. McCann, X50444.

Majority report follows:

Recommendation on the charges against Tom Doyle, James Morris, Joe Fisher, F. J. Gallagher and Vern Smith by Claude Erwin, member of I. U. No. 230:

We find that Tom Doyle and James Morris are not responsible for the contents of the Industrial Pioneer as per constitution, Art. III, Sec. 5 (e), and therefore recommend that Tom Doyle and James Morris be exonerated on that score and further recommend that the I. W. W. publications make the above recommendation known to the membership.

As to the charges against Joe Fisher, F. J. Gallagher and Vern Smith for being responsible for the violation of the I. W. W. policy in the editorials "Mobilize for Class War," in the Industrial Pioneer of September and "The Acid Test" in the month of October, with the demand that the fellow workers responsible be expelled from the I. W. W., we submit the following:

That the charges were not made, prepared and submitted according to the constitution. This can be overlooked, as it is minor and some justification can be made. No excuse, however, can be made by the accuser why he presented the charges to the Rowan group for approval before filing same.

That no policy or precedent or principle was violated, distorted or infringed upon in the two editorials mentioned.

Fellow Worker Erwin bases his charges on the following two sentences: "We need thousands of workers to go to Southern California this winter and violate the Busick injunction." (In the September issue of the Pioneer.)

"We must assault, turn over, and entirely destroy this capitalist system that sets us tasks, and steals our sustenance, and sports with our lives. We must mobilize every day for the Class War, in the same spirit that Morgan mobilizes on September 12th for the cash war." (October issue of the Pioneer.)

Fellow Worker Erwin contends that the above sentences are not what the I. W. W. stands for and are a direct misrepresentation of our principles. The words "violate the Busick injunction" he contends are misrepresentation of I. W. W. principle as the I. W. W. does not nor ever did violate the Busick injunction. Upon analysis we find that the I. W. W. preamble specifically does violate the Busick injunction when it states that "Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system."

The Busick injunction states in part "and to take over and assume possession of the industries and properties in said state as well as the government thereof." There is no sincere member of the I. W. W. who will deny the fact that the I. W. W. is organized for the purpose of accomplishing that final deed that the preamble states, and it was for that very reason that the capitalist class of the state of California framed the Busick injunction in such a way that we either had to deny our principles as a revolutionary organization or become liable under the injunction as violating same. The word violate, according to Webster's dictionary, is interpreted as follows: "To treat roughly or harshly, to abuse, to trench or infringe on, to disturb, to disregard, to profane, to desecrate, to transgress, to deflower, to dishonor, to debauch." These interpretations of the word violate are the very policy of the I.W.W. with regard to laws, decrees and injunctions that have the purpose to negate the revolutionary principles of the I. W. W.

As to the editorial, "Mobilize for Class War." Indeed it is the purpose of the I. W. W. to mobilize for class war, although Fellow Worker Erwin denied the existence of a class war. Again we will turn to Webster for definition: to mobilize, "to assemble and put in a state of readiness." The I. W. W. by their educational and organization program indeed does assemble the workers into a class in order that they may be able "to take possession of the earth and the machinery of production and abolish the wage system," as definitely stated in the preamble. The position of the I. W. W. is that there is a class war. Any act on the part of the I. W. W. in the state of California can be construed by the courts, which are part and parcel of the capitalist class, as a violation of the Busick injunction, criminal syndicalist law or any other decree they may frame to be used as an excuse to railroad workers to prison who recognize the imperative need of revolutionary industrial organization.

As to inference in the charges that the above are accused of assisting the prosecution to send our members to jail, no evidence was introduced to warrant that flagrant statement. The convention should brand that as a falsehood and a direct insult upon the integrity, sincerity and honesty of the men who are ably defending the principles of revolutionary industrial unionism—the I. W. W.

And that the convention demand of Fellow Worker Erwin evidence on that serious charge or that he retract his statements and apologize to these fellow workers. And we further recommend that this convention affirm the two editorials, "Mobilize for Class War," and "The Acid Test," and that we hereby refuse to color or negate our principles as outlined in the preamble so that they may meet with the approval of capitalist laws, courts and judges. The I. W. W. cannot compromise with capitalism—it is a fight to the end.

We further recommend that Fellow Worker Joe Fisher, F. J. Gallagher and Vern Smith be exonerated from these charges placed against them by Fellow Worker Erwin and that these findings be published in all I. W. W. publications.—FRED MANN, 251734, Chairman of Committee; S. HENRIKSON, 485163; LOUIS CHUBA, 706038.

Minority report as follows:

Whereas, Articles appearing in September and October issues of Industrial Pioneer were worded in such a way that they could easily be misunderstood by prosecutors in California and elsewhere and used against our members who are on trial, and

Whereas, It is necessary that we make our position plain so that it cannot be misunderstood, therefore

Be It Resolved, That I ask all editors and other responsible parties to appear before this convention to explain these matters. (Signed): Roy Leonard.

Murray's minority report follows:

I find that Vern Smith has violated his trust in office as editor of the Industrial Pioneer, in the article called "Mobilize for Class War," the paragraph pertaining to Morgan spirit, in September 12th. This alone breaks the Busick injunction and the criminal syndicalism law.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Gray, 110): That we concur with majority report.

Smith took the floor here and explained his position, and answered points of information requested.

Matter carried over until tomorrow morning, as it is time to adjourn.

Report of the press committee read.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That we accept the report ofthe press committee. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Friday, November 7, 1924.

Session called to order by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty; also Mann, Fisher, Jordan.

Minutes of previous day's session read.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Leonard, 310): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Broman arrived at 9:15.

Mann arrived at 9:25; Jordan at 9:27.

Communications read, beginning with wire from Omaha, as follows:

P. J. WELINDER, CHAIRMAN
SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION
1001 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS PASSED AT REGULAR I. U. 110 BUSINESS MEETING, 11 MEMBERS PRESENT: M. & S. THAT THIS BODY GOES ON RECORD AS RECOGNIZING THE CONVENTION BEING HELD AT EMMET MEMORIAL HALL AS THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION, AND THAT THEY HAVE POWER TO DEAL WITH ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION. HARVEY KARNSTROM, CHAIRMAN; C. GARD, RECORDING SECRETARY.

Wire from Chisholm, Minn., read as follows:

I. U. No. 210 BRANCH OF CHISHOLM, MINN., DECIDED AT ITS MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, AGREED THE I. W. W. 16TH YEARLY CONVENTIONS AND THE PLANS MADE THUS FAR. MARY DANSKA.

Wire from Sudbury, Ont., read as follows:

MEETING OF THE JOB BRANCH OF 120 HELD AT YORKSTON, ONT., DOES RECOGNIZE THE GENERAL CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION AND REQUESTS THAT THE UPHOLDERS OF INJUNCTION BE EXPELLED UNLESS THEY WITHDRAW IT. WATTE RANTA SALO, CHAIRMAN; JOHN NIEMI, RECORDING SEC'Y.

Minutes from Spokane branch read as follows:

Spokane, Wash., November 2, 1924.

Regular business meeting called to order by the branch secretary at 2 p. m.

F. W. Anton Flor, 433350, Chairman.

F. W. Griffen, 785997, Recording Secretary.

Thirty-seven members of I. U. No. 120 in good standing present; also 13 of other industrial unions.

M. & S. That minutes of Oct. 26th be accepted as read. Carried.

M. & S. That special business meeting of Oct. 30 be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes of Seattle special business meeting be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes of Vancouver, October 27, be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes of Portland be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes of Bangor, Maine, be filed. Carried.

M. & S. That report of auditing committee be accepted. Carried.

M. & S. That communication from Sol be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That communication from Chicago be laid over to New Business. Carried.

M. & S. That report of branch secretary be accepted, subject to auditing committee. Carried.

M. & S. That we accept F. W. Wilson's report, subject to final report of all delegates. Carried.

M. & S. That we instruct G. O. C. to check up F. W. Peterson's supplies, and take credentials from him. Carried.

M. & S. That we do not concur with Vancouver in regard to Official Ballot. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with Vancouver in regard to calling meeting of G. O. C. to remove James Rowan as chairman of G. O. C., I. U. 120. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with Seattle meeting of October 26, 1924. Carried.

M. & S. That we concur with minutes of Portland, October 26, 1924. Carried.

M. & S. That we keep all funds of I. U. 120 in the bank here for the present, and that signature of three fellow workers be endorsed on same of any checks issued. Carried.

M. & S. That minutes of Cranbrook branch be filed, as already acted upon as per instructions of the G. O. C. Carried.

M. & S. That we instruct branch secretary to pay direct for the papers for all future orders. Carried.

M. & S. That communication from new administration be filed for future reference. Carried.

M. & S. That we instruct branch secretary to let only one newsboy sell papers. Carried.

M. & S. That we instruct branch secretary to pay newsboy commission on papers sold in hall. Carried.

M. & S. That secretary be instructed to send only two issues of paper to camps, and notify addressees that if they do not remit promptly or at least notify him in writing that they will be taken off the mailing list. Carried.

Nominations and elections.

M. & S. That auditing committee audit all lists hung on wall, also raffle tickets and California donation jar. Carried.

M. & S. That Fellow Workers Nash, Neilson and Wilson be elected by acclamation on trustee committee. Carried.

M. & S. That Fellow Workers Hagen, Owens and Whiting be elected on auditing committee. Carried.

M. & S. That we adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

Anton Flor, Chairman; **Thos. Griffen**, Rec. Sec'y.
James Heney, Branch Secretary.

Fisher arrived at 9:50.

Vern Smith's report taken up.

The motion on the floor from yesterday afternoon is, M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Gray, 110): That we concur with majority report.

Vern Smith took floor for final explanation.

Motion carried 20—3. Erwin not voting, as he presented charges. Record vote follows:

110—Mann, yes; Fisher, yes; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, not present; Cole, yes; 120—Welinder, yes; Broman, yes; Grad, yes; Murray, no; 210-220—Mattson, yes; Oates, yes; 230—Erwin, not voting, as he presented charges; 310—Leonard, no; Nelson, yes; Swanson, no; 330—Henrikson, yes; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, yes; 440—Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; 510—Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; S. I. U.—Rumbaugh, yes.

Statement of Erwin on majority report of Grievance Committee.

I want to call the attention of the delegates here to what they have voted on and accepted almost unanimously. The Defense in California has spent hundreds of dollars in the courts on appeals in getting decisions that the I. W. W. preamble does not violate the criminal syndicalism law or the injunction. This decision has been handed down, and now the delegates to this convention accept and concur with a report of the grievance committee which states that the I. W. W. preamble does violate the Busick injunction. This will be used in the courts of California against the members on trial.

The grievance committee asked that I retract my charges and apologize to the accused. In answer to this I will state that when Vern Smith and the others charged, and the delegates who voted in favor of this report go to California and violate the injunction, when they go to California and attempt to assault, tear down and completely destroy the capitalist system; when they go to California and do the things they advocate in the September and October Industrial Pioneers; when they go there and assist the ones fighting for the right to organize in California instead of staying safely away and dictating to the ones doing the fighting, then I will apologize, and not before.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Chuba, 440): That the report of F. W. Smith be accepted and filed.

Amend. (Broman, 120-Walquist, 510): That the recommendation in Vern Smith's report be turned over to the resolutions committee.

Amendment to amendment. (Oates, 210-220-Erwin, 230): That these recommendations be taken up seriatim on this floor.

Amendment to amendment carried, 9—5.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Cole, 110): That we table F. W. Vern Smith's report until we hear from the committee working on the I. W. W. Manifesto. Lost.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That report of F. W. Vern Smith be accepted and filed for future reference. Carried.

Report of Editor of Industrial Solidarity, and pro tempore of The Industrial Pioneer:

To The General Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Worker Chairman and Delegates:—

I have been acting as editor of Industrial Solidarity since July, 1923, and have acted as editor pro tempore of Industrial Pioneer for the issues of May, 1924, and September, October, and November of 1924, but not of other issues.

During this period I have had nothing to do with the business end of the papers, which has been ably handled by business managers appointed directly by the G. E. B., and to whose reports I refer you for information. There has been no interference between the editors and business managers, these two departments have been able to work alongside of each other in perfect harmony, and in general the arrangement has been very successful.

There has been the same difficulty mentioned in previous reports to general conventions, in obtaining news of organization activities, strikes, conventions, and job conditions. I am again recommending to you that some method be found to maintain permanent press committees or reporters in all localities where the I. W. W. has branches, and that all local happenings of interest to workers be sent in, especially activities of the I. W. W. The few local branches which have done this have added materially to the interest of the paper, and if all would follow the same practice, it would be possible to maintain permanently certain pages or columns for the various localities and industries, and thus secure circulation among those workers who are, as yet, more interested in the doings of their own friends and acquaintances, or of the workers in their own industry, than they are in the affairs of the world of labor at large.

The G. E. B. early in the year ordered the editor of Industrial Solidarity to give space up to one column to any industrial union which cared to use it, to have printed there anything they wished. The editor has been willing at all times to do this, but none of the unions have availed themselves of the privilege, and such industrial union news as has appeared, has come in in the regular way as matter of general interest, to be printed in any way that seems best.

Recently we have been obtaining some very good cartoons from various artists, either free or at quite low prices, and the editor believes that this shows an appreciation of the publications of the I. W. W. on the part of these talented individuals.

The heart of the paper is still the contributed articles sent in by individuals, and the scraps of news sent in by press committees elected temporarily wherever strikes or other incidents take place, and if this side of the paper could be organized, and extended, and regular correspondence looked forward to and relied upon, much would be gained.

The editors of the foreign-language papers occasionally translate a bit of fresh news just received from abroad, and these have almost always been gladly accepted and printed. The Spanish paper Solidaridad has been especially helpful in

this way, and at various times Industrial Solidarity has been enabled to beat all other English-language papers with such news.

In general, Industrial Solidarity has endeavored to print news not contained in the Industrial Worker, so as to not have our two English-language papers duplicating each other. The Pioneer, being a monthly, fills a somewhat different field, and gives not news, but special articles, stories, and pictures. It does not duplicate the material in either the Industrial Worker or Industrial Solidarity.

There is one matter in regard to the policy of the paper which ought to be cleared up at once by a decision of this convention. It is not a question that any editor can settle, and yet if it is not settled all I. W. W. editors will be continually led into contradictions and absurdities. That question is: "Is the I. W. W. a revolutionary organization or not?" In other words, does the I. W. W. organize to overthrow capitalism and to take over industry, or does the I. W. W. merely organize to operate industry after capitalism shall have been overthrown (by some other agency)?"

The matter is of immediate practical importance. In California there is an injunction, the Busick injunction, which among other things orders all persons not to join or to persuade others to join any "conspiracy to take over and operate the industries in the state of California."

Industrial Solidarity and Industrial Pioneer are evidently expected to put out appeals for all footloose members to go to San Pedro and other parts of California.

Now the question is, what are these fellow workers to go there for? Undoubtedly among other things, to ask all workers to join the I. W. W. If the I. W. W. is a revolutionary organization, if it is organized to take over industry, then it is necessary to violate the Busick injunction. I do not see how there can be any disguise of that fact. Mere silence will not help; in fact, it will make things much worse, for sooner or later members of the I. W. W. will be charged with belonging to a "conspiracy to take over industry," and will either have to admit this or deny it.

More than that, by silence on this point, coupled with pleas of "Not Guilty" to the charges of violating the Busick injunction, they will entice into the organization a number of persons who do not know, and do not believe that the I. W. W. is a revolutionary organization, thus subtly changing the character of the membership itself from revolutionary to non-revolutionary.

On the other hand, if the I. W. W. is not now revolutionary, and does not believe in taking over industry, then this convention and the membership at large should frankly admit this, and free the members in California from a part of their danger. The I. W. W. will then fall into the same position in the labor movement now occupied by other industrial unions which are non-revolutionary in character, and will perhaps escape a good deal of the persecution which is always visited upon the most advanced portion of the labor movement. And in that event, the editors of I. W. W. papers will of course be able to stop making themselves ridiculous by talking about "revolutionary" industrial unionism, "abolition of the wage system on the banner of the I. W. W.," "overthrow of capitalism" as one of the objects of the I. W. W., etc.

Closely connected with this problem of the revolutionary status of the I. W. W. is the question of pacifism. Having observed that in times past, members of the I. W. W. such as the men on the Verona, and the Centralia boys, have resisted illegal attack by mobs with force of arms, I have at various times stated that this was a good thing, and that we should militantly defend our legal rights, since no one else will defend them for us, and no one will join us, unless he is some sort of Christian martyr, until we promise to stick together and resist attacks on halls and entertainments, or attempts to lynch members of the organization, as we have a legal right to do.

I have been very much criticized for this, lately, by members of the I. W. W. and by branches in Southern California, and would like to know once and for all whether the I. W. W. still approves of the actions of Wesley Everest, or whether we should announce a strict policy of non-resistance to violence of every description. I do not see how there can be any half-way measure: either we believe in self-defense when raided by the K. K. K., the American Legion, or other suchlike, extra-legal organizations, or we do not.

Then there is the whole matter of appealing for workers to go to California. The editor, of course, has no choice. If the California Defense, or the branches in California want men to go there, the editors have to print their appeal.

But entirely aside from the fact that it looks rather foolish to advise men, in the name of a revolutionary organization, to go to a place where their only hope of keeping out of jail is to claim that the organization is not revolutionary, and does not intend to take over industries, is the fact that no matter what the members of the I. W. W. claim in California, they will, so long as they are few in numbers there, and still active, be arrested and sentenced for some law or other, vagrancy or murder, or anything. The only way the California situation can be met, in my opinion, is to go in with thousands—if you have not the thousands, better stay out, and use what men you have for organization in states that are either more civilized, or where some other factor is in your favor, and wait until you have real big numbers before going into California. As it is, we have sent into California a lot of our very best organizers, one at a time, and provided them with a home in San Quentin, where they will have to stay a long time,

in idleness, so far as organization work is concerned. It looks bad; it looks like poor management. I hope the convention will give the editor authority to refuse to publish such announcements until there is some assurance that more than a handful are ready to go to the state of California.

Then there is the whole question of boycotts. The I. W. W. press is relied upon as the chief instrument for spreading news of the boycott. I am convinced that wherever we have not the power to enforce a boycott, it is ridiculous to advertise the same in Industrial Solidarity, or other organization papers. The boycott against "Our House" in Seattle is probably all right, because the I. W. W. has real economic power on the skid road in Seattle. It can stop a lot of customers from patronizing "Our House."

And I believe that the California boycott, in some of its forms, has been useful. For instance, the I. W. W. press, by advertising the hoof-and-mouth disease, probably scared some tourists out of their intention to visit California, and caused the capitalist masters of that state some monetary loss. Undoubtedly we should be on the lookout to seize such opportunities as the hoof-and-mouth disease offered us, to damage the interests of the California bourgeoisie as long as they continue their present persecution. The boycott of California products, as it operates in grade and lumber camps, etc., where the workers strike or threaten to strike until the boss ceases to buy California products for the table or the commissary, is probably quite injurious to business in California, because it cuts down sales directly, and the former buyer reports to the California agent, or directly to the California wholesale house, that his goods are not wanted because of the criminal syndicalism law, Busick injunction, etc.

But in spite of the fact that I was once a confirmed disciple of the indiscriminate boycott of California products, I am now convinced by observation especially in the East, that to devote so much space and time to the boycotting of oranges, raisins, moving pictures and Chesterfield cigarettes, is injurious to the I. W. W., and rather helpful than otherwise to the California capitalists. With our forty thousand members we are not able to effectively injure the capitalists by withdrawing our own buying power, except in limited localities, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Everett, Spokane, and some smaller towns. When we fill our papers with the names and brands of these products, the wily capitalist goes even so far as to reprint our stuff, knowing that the bulk of the American population of over a hundred million doesn't know anything of the truth about the I. W. W., except what the capitalists have told them, and that they regard us with amused contempt. The mere fact that we are boycotting California fruit is a suggestion to most of these people to go and buy some. If we had two or three million members, the story would be different. As it is, we make ourselves ridiculous, and suggest to all workers that we have no better weapon with which to oppose the capitalists than this puny, ineffective boycott of raisins, movies, etc. The hoof-and-mouth disease hurt the sale of California products, but in spite of that, last year was one of the best they ever had.

Furthermore, there is another side to this boycotting business. Besides taking up a tremendous amount of space in our press, which could be used for other purposes, it does us a lot of damage by soothing and fooling us, ourselves. We get the illusory notion that we are doing big things, and accomplishing a lot, when we really are not. As a result, we waste our time feeling virtuous over our energy in this petty activity of asking people not to buy California raisins, and dodging pointed inquiries as to whether we think Spanish raisins, or Italian raisins are less stained with workers' blood, since in both of these countries they shoot the workers instead of imprisoning them, and telling people that Florida oranges, in spite of the Tabert case, are better than California oranges. This leaves no time, nor newspaper space, and still worse, it leaves us a diminished incentive to look the situation squarely in the face, and make some practical plans to organize. We substitute the imaginary victory of the boycott over the California business men for the harder, but much more real victory to be obtained by large organization, and the strike.

I hope the delegates will not imagine that I see anything wrong with the California boycott in principle. I do not think you can boycott the capitalist class out of existence, but I think the boycott, where it can be enforced, is a useful weapon for labor to use. But where it cannot be enforced, it is a terrible mistake, and weakens us instead of strengthening us. Nevertheless, if on investigation the delegates decide that it is useful to boycott California oranges or anything else, I shall do my best, wherever I am, to carry on the boycott. I am only asking for some serious consideration of the problem.

Trusting that you will render an opinion on these various questions concerning the policy of the I. W. W. press, which, because they are linked up with the policy of the whole organization, only the convention and membership at large can settle, I remain,

Yours for the I. W. W.

VERN SMITH,
Editor Industrial Solidarity
Editor, pro tempore, Industrial Pioneer.

Grievance committee brought in report herewith, Mann on floor. Introduced cases of Solidaridad (Spanish paper) and Bermunkas (Hungarian paper). The committee recommends that the incoming G. E. B. be instructed to keep a strict vigilance over all I. W. W. publications and see

to it that no political or anarchistic propaganda be published in our papers and that our propaganda be strictly within I. W. W. bounds.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Broman, 120): That we concur with committee on grievance of Bermunkas and Solidaridad. Carried.

Resolution No. 4, from San Pedro, read as follows:

Be It Resolved, That this branch goes on record as being absolutely opposed to any action in conflict with the I. U. by-laws, or the General Constitution, being taken by any officials such as the suspension of members without trial, abolition of the universal system regarding dues, etc. (Signed) L. J. Greene, Thos. Fento, Andy Lorier—Resolusions Committee; Paul Ware, Branch Secretary.

Chair rules that this is not a grievance, but a voicing of opinion.

Ways and Means Committee reported; Hanson, Chairman.

Resolution No. 158, presented as follows:

The lease on our headquarters at 1001 West Madison St. expires on April 30, 1925, and we have been notified that we must vacate the building as it has been condemned. The expense incurred by moving must be provided for, as the General Office is at the present time without funds of its own. Would suggest that the Ways and Means Committee take up this question.

Ways and Means Committee meeting, November 3, 1924, 7:30 p. m. Oates, Schwandt, Oberman and Hanson present.

Resolution 158, from report of Secretary-Treasurer Tom Doyle.

Ways and Means Committee recommends:

That we issue an emergency stamp of $1 denomination to provide funds for moving headquarters, as the lease on the present building expires April 30, 1925, and the building has been condemned. Receipts from the sale of the emergency stamp shall be remitted to the General Secretary-Treasurer and placed in the hands of three trustees. None of these funds shall be used for any other purpose. The emergency stamp shall be immediately called in when the estimated cost of moving —seven thousand dollars—has been raised. We also recommend that a statement be issued to the members by the general administration committee stating the reasons for issuing the emergency stamp.

All members of committee concur.

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Cole, 110): That we concur with Ways and Means Committee. Carried.

Communications from Baltimore branch, per H. Puttning and T. S. Wetter, read in re property of I. U. No. 410 at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., 10-29-24.

Chairman, Sixteenth Constitutional
General Convention, I. W. W.,
Emmet Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Worker:—

I as a member of the I. W. W. think it is my duty to call your attention to some property here in Baltimore that belongs to the I. W. W. and is at present in the hands of an individual by the name of T. S. Wetter, a branch secretary at one time of I. U. 410 in Baltimore. The property includes chairs, a desk, literature, a charter, seal, and a lot of other stuff that I am not able to find out.

T. S. Wetter was asked to deliver that property to the M. T. W. here in Baltimore, and I got special orders from F. W. Tom Doyle, Secretary-Treasurer, to secure that property, but I am sorry to state that I have failed to do it so far, the reason being that T. S. Wetter is hiding himself and is afraid to show his face to the civilized world.

I have correspondence from T. S. Wetter where he states that he will not deliver any property to the M. T. W., and that he hasn't any property belonging to the M. T. W. I tried to convince him that the property in question was not the property of the M. T. W., but property of the I. W. W., but he didn't want to understand that.

Fellow Worker, it would be a shame to let individuals of the T. S. Wetter type trample on the good nature of the I. W. W. The property in question may not be worth the trouble, but on the other hand, it is necessary to show those fiuks that it does not pay to trample on the I. W. W.

I hope you will give this matter your attention. and I remain yours for a successful constitutional convention, and an honest I. W. W. the world over.

H. Puttning, Branch Secretary.

P. S.—Enclosed find copies of correspondence from T. S. Wetter. Also his mail address, which is P. O. Box 34, Patterson Station, Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore, Md., June 3, 1924.

T. S. Wetter,
435 S. Broadway.

Dear Sir:—

We, the duly elected committee, elected at the regular business meeting of the Baltimore branch of M. T. W. I. U. No. 510 of the I. W. W. on May 21, 1924, to investigate the former branch of T. W. I. U. No. 410 of the I. W. W.

In order to clear this matter up, will you kindly answer the following questions?

1—What property did I. U. No. 410 have in time of function?

2—What property did they leave in your charge at the time of disbanding?

3—What property have you in your possession at present belonging to the I. W. W.?

4—If you have some, in what manner shall you dispose of it?

5—Have you received a clearance? If so, state what kind, and from where.

6—Have you a charter and seal of I. U. No. 410 in your possession?

Will you kindly answer these questions at an early date, and oblige,

Yours for a better world,

H. Puttning
J. Steen
John de Keijzer
—Investigation Committee.

Baltimore, Md., June 5, 1924.

H. Puttning,
J. Steen,
John De Keijzer.

Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of June 3, I desire to state that your communication fails to show authority for receiving the information you desire.

Any information that is desired by Textile Workers' Industrial Union 410 of the I. W. W., or by the General Executive Board of the I. W. W., will be furnished to them upon their official request.

I fail to see where the affairs of the former branch of Textile Workers' Industrial Union 410 can in any manner concern you.

Yours very truly,

T. S. Wetter.

Charlottesville, Va., August 20, 1924.

Mr. H. Puttning,
P. O. Box 26, Patterson Station,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th received, and also a previous letter, which I did not answer as it did not require a reply.

You are well aware that any correspondence intended for me should be addressed to 435 South Broadway, or to Box 34, Patterson Station, a two-cent stamp placed thereon, and I will receive it.

I only desire to repeat what I have previously stated that I have no property belonging to the M. T. W. I. U., and I want you to thoroughly understand that.

I do not comprehend your concluding remarks about leniency. If anyone has shown leniency it most certainly has been us.

Please forward any communication intended for me immediately, as you are not authorized to receive any mail for me.

Your truly,

T. S. Wetter.

Committee recommends that this property, consisting of a desk, a typewriter and some chairs, be sold, and the proceeds remitted to the general secretary-treasurer, same to be credited to the account of I. U. No. 410.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Thompson, 440): That we concur with Ways and Means Committee regarding Baltimore Branch of I. U. No. 410 property. Carried.

Letter from W. C. Goldschmidt read as follows:

408 First Avenue, South
Great Falls, Montana.
September 28, 1924.

To R. R. W. I. U. 520 Convention
Delegates and Members assembled at
Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Workers:

This communication is to serve as my proxy. Kindly give it consideration. I do not intend to take up your time with matters of controversial nature. I do wish to mention a few things relative to I. U. 520 and its problems.

1—If I. U. 520 must become a small industrial union, according to an interpretation of the General Constitution, it should demand of the General Convention some form of representation for the Small Industrial Unions on the G. E. B. I. U. 520 must insist upon this. Personally I do not care who keeps the records of the industrial union as long as they are kept properly, but I do not care to see I. U. 520 lose its representation, not only in the general organization but in the field as well. The present general organizer should be the administrative official of the Small Industrial Unions. He should represent them on the G. E. B. He should not function as the chairman of the G. E. B., but as the G. E. B. member of the Small I. U.s. He should be elected by the Small I. U.s, and he should not have authority outside of the Small Industrial Unions jurisdiction. The Small Industrial Unions could have a G. O. C., each I. U. electing a member. It is necessary that the Small Industrial Unions have representation in the affairs of the I. W. W. and furthermore, they need organization impetus to make them larger and stronger industrial unions. This convention must not allow I. U. 520 to go back into "the box" unless it is assured that the Small I. U.s will have representation other than that which they have had before, which was of little mention.

2—If I. U. 520 is to go on as an independent, self-sustaining industrial union:

Can the M. O. of 520 be joined with the M. O. of some other industrial union so the clerical and accounting routine can be taken care of by competent persons so as to allow one administrative official to function at headquarters instead of two?

Can the wages of the administrative officials be reduced in conformity with those paid in the other industrial unions? Perhaps a sliding scale might be introduced.

Do you believe it wise to change the universal dues system? If dues should be raised, why raise them more than 25 cents per month?

What do you think about discarding the three letters, I. W. W., for the time being and using instead R. R. W. I. U. 520 on all of our printed matter and otherwise?

Do you believe in the budget system, and can it be used to advantage in conducting the affairs of I. U. 520?

Can we continue publishing a railroad periodical? Do you believe it to be better propaganda material than leaflets?

Are you going to modify and change the I. U. by-laws?

What branch of the railroad industry should organization stress be laid upon the most?

Do you consider the advisability of confining our organization activities to one certain system or locality?

Is the branch form as it now exists, according to our by-laws, sufficient for obtaining definite results?

What do you think about a membership card, a quarterly card such as the maintenance of way uses? The use of such a card would be a valuable suggestion to the General Convention. It could be used by the industrial unions having an itinerant membership. I believe that by the use of such a card many individuals would have a more difficult time getting by.

Are we going to continue our present delegate system? No one but reliable persons should be entrusted with G. O. C., Traveling, Stationary, or Branch credentials, and they in turn should issue no job credentials unless they are absolutely sure of their man. It is time the membership calls a halt on the way credentials are issued now. We should insist that those who are given the power to issue credentials should at all times live strictly to the letter of the law. Unless they do this, their services should be dispensed with. It is humiliating to the sincere members who are doing everything within their power to build up an organization to also make account for the numerous renegade, ignorant delegates which infest the organization. I ask that this be brought to the attention of the General Convention.

I would remonstrate with you to bear in mind that I. U. 520 is in a rather embarrassing position, but do not let this deter you. If it is to an advantage, **do not be afraid to make a change!** Responsibility is vested in you to further the best interests of the R. R. W. I. U. 520. If it is necessary to carry out a reorganization program, do not hesistate, or hinder the possibility of the I. W. W. to remain a progressive labor organization. Instruct your delegates to the General Convention to work for a cleaner and better I. W. W. To go there with the avowed purpose in mind to put the organization upon a sound basis, so it will always be ready for working class organization. With a closing admonition I charge you to see that the delegates elected to represent I. U. 520 are honest and sincere men, who are railroad workers and have the interests of the railroad workers at heart. They must be willing to go to that convention determined that they will not come away without official representation in some form or other for I. U. 520 in the affairs of the general organization.

I would also ask that the I. U. 520 delegates to the General Convention be instructed to work for the furthering of the M. T. W. I. U. 510, sister transportation industrial union. It is my opinion that the marine industry is the golden opportunity for the I. W. W. Let the 520 delegates lay stress upon this and arouse the General Convention towards definite action which will make the organization of the marine transport industry a reality. I would like to see one gigantic transportation department with I. U.s 510 and 520 leading the way. Do you think it ever possible?

I had better desist from attempting the Delphian oracle role further. Perhaps in my attempt to become reconstructive I might be dubbed destructive by the old-timers. I will mention just a few more suggestions which happen to pop into my mind, and then I will close with a brief survey of the Great Falls district.

1—Publicity, endless publicity, is absolutely essential. We must have more of it. Give your attention to furthering the work of the press, educational bureau, Work People's College, etc.

2—Study the organization methods of various other organizations, not necessarily labor organizations. It would be well to bear in mind the Federal Recruiting Unions.

3—The industrial unions having main offices at Chicago can function through a clearing house such as suggested and outlined by L. W. I. U. 120. Business could be transacted with other main offices outside of Chicago, just as it is transacted now, but through the clearing house or membership bureau.

4—Either establish strict industrial union autonomy and let the I. W. W. General Administration function something like the A. F. of L., or re-establish co-operation and co-ordination between the I. U.s of the I. W. W., which is now wholly lacking. Right here you have the problem of the I. W. W. Allow the first suggestion to take effect and you may have an increased membership with many divergent principles and objectives. The second very likely will deter a growth in membership, but there is a possibility that the principle of classconsciousness will be more readily expressed. It then becomes a question whether the organization shall confine itself to one group of workers, i. e., the migratory workers. This group can be more readily organized according to the principles of the I. W. W. than the homeguard. The latter can be organized only through independent, autonomous, industrial unions. At present there is too much wasted effort. We must reach a conclusion soon as to what course we shall pursue.

Raliroad employes are hard to organize when it isn't the boss. You all know where the trouble

lies. The main reasons are: 1—We have no definite branch of the industry selected for organization; 2—We have no one to do the organizing; (As a matter of fact, I am an I. W. W. and not an engineer or trainman; consequently I am listed as an unskilled laborer. This very fact gives me about as much chance as the proverbial snowball to do any organization work among any class of railroad employes except lowly unskilled fellow employes. No aristocrat would condescend to talk labor organization with me, though he might be willing to discuss baseball, the election or something else. How many aristocrats of railway labor are carrying 520 credentials? You all have a fair idea). The 520 membership in this district consists of boomers, switchmen, gandy dancers and shop laborers, now and then a trainman, fireman or disgruntled shop mechanic. The bulk of the membership is found among the unskilled and semi-skilled workers. Nearly all of the active trainmen, enginemen and mechanics, and others on the Great Northern have lost their heads during the past two years. It is true the I. W. W. has shown considerable strength on the Great Northern from Spokane to Minot several times. It is a fertile field for organization. Great Falls has never been so good. However, no lasting results have ever been obtained.

This does not only apply to this particular district alone, but the same thing has happened elsewhere. If the I. W. W. could organize one railroad system like the New York Central, we would be accomplishing something. I. U. 520 must either let the matter drop for the present or must devise ways and means to carry on successfully in certain well adapted districts or upon systems which are ripe for industrial unionism. It must concentrate its organization activities and it can never hope to build up a permanent railroad industrial union with 110, 120, 310, etc., job delegates collecting dues and talking nonsense. If certain methods are adaptable among the transient workers, let them be used for organizing the migratories, but for heaven's sake, let them come to their senses and realize that such tactics are not applicable everywhere. My suggestion for organization in the railroad industry is to select some system that appears likely for organization. Accept its geographical districts and locate your organization district branch which will have charge of organization work in that district, holding all funds and building up a fund so permanent organizers may be maintained in that respective district, to function in that district, and for I. U. 520. Each job center to have its job branch. The district branch to function primarily for organization purposes only. It could remit per capita to the main office. This district would have to function on a voluntary basis until such a time as the fund became sufficient and the income great enough to maintain organizers. It could function as a propaganda center also, (that is, the district office of the branch). By confining all our activity to a single area or system, working upon the district basis, I believe we could accomplish some good. What we want is permanency. It may take time. The Great Falls district, functioning as I have outlined, might build up a lasting and permanent organization with strength in five years, if this was being done in other districts of the Great Northern—well, what do you think about it? Remember, it will not be necessary for us to go through this slow process on all roads, for when it is demonstrated that it is really a possibility to do what we have been advocating, other systems will fall in line. Of course, it is a matter of conjecture with all of us. But, tolerance and patience are two valuable assets which it would be well for us who are interested in this revolutionary work to obtain. It is a slow game. So let us look into the morrow and make plans which it may take longer than the building of Rome to consummate. Let us have patience and let us persevere!

With this admonition I close, secure in the belief that you are gathered at this convention for the furtherance of the I. W. W. and I. U. 520 along progressive lines, and making it always a true representative of the working class.

Don't fail to obtain representation for I. U. 520.

Yours for Industrial Solidarity,

W. C. Goldschmidt, R4-17.

P. S.—Will appreciate it if some member or delegate will furnish me with a copy of the minutes and resolutions of this mass convention.—W. C. G.

Committee finds that recommendations pertaining to the I. W. W. as a whole have been acted on, and refers the letter to the G. E. B. to act on that part concerning I. U. 520.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with committee. Carried.

Communication from Philadelphia branch requesting financial assistance and organizer, same previously appearing in minutes, read by committee.

Majority report recommends that General Headquarters refer this letter to the main office of I. U. No. 510, and if they are unable to finance said branch and wish to keep it open, General Headquarters shall advance the main office of I. U. 510 $75 per month, for not more than six months, to pay rent of M. T. W. hall in Philadelphia.

Minority report by Oates and Cole: That the communication from Philadelphia branch of I. U. 510, asking the convention to advance them $75 to pay hall rent, be referred to 510 main office as it is strictly industrial union business.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Chuba, 440): That we concur with minority report.

Gray arrived at 12:10.

Motion carried 11—10.

Resolutions Nos. 33 and 90, read as follows:

Resolution No. 3, Portland Conference:

Whereas, In the past we have had a lot of stamps in the field and a lot of unnecessary work for delegates; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we eliminate all of this and issue one voluntary assessment stamp, same to be one dollar. Fifty per cent to go to the General Defense and 50 per cent to the industrial union issuing the stamp. This stamp to be the size of two ordinary stamps.

Resolution from I. U. 330:

Whereas, The financial condition of the I. W. W. is in a very precarious condition, and

Whereas, There has been no provision made to remedy same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Buffalo district go on record to have four quarterly assessment stamps of one dollar each, payable with dues, not later than the last day of the current quarter. All members, to be in good standing must have quarterly stamps in their due books; the same to be divided as follows: 20 per cent to the branch that collects, 20 per cent to the industrial union, 20 per cent to the General Defense, 20 per cent to the press, 10 per cent to the General Headquarters and 10 per cent to Speakers' fund, and that all other stamps in the field be called in.

Recommendation No. 6, report of Jas. Morris, Secretary, General Defense, read as follows:

That the revenue of the Defense Committee be derived from a regular assessment, compulsory or otherwise, but sufficiently large as to cover all expenses of the committee.

Majority report of committee recommends that General Headquarters be instructed to issue a voluntary defense stamp of $1.00.

Minority report by Oates, concurs with majority except that the stamp shall be 50 cents.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Leonard, 310): That we concur with minority report. Carried.

Recommendations from James Morris taken up.

Resolution No. 1 has been disposed of.

Resolution No. 2:

That all attorneys be hired by the Secretary of the General Defense Committee.

Cole concurs with Recommendation No. 2.

Majority report does not concur.

Minority report by Hanson, that we refer to the General Defense.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Broman, 120): That we concur with majority report. Carried.

Adjourned at 12:30 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Afternoon session called to order by Chairman P. J. Welinder at 2:00 p. m.

All delegates present except Fisher and Jordan.

M. & S. (Thompson, 440-Oberman, 110): That James Morris be given the floor under special privilege. Carried.

Morris took floor and read two wires from John Beffel, as follows:

JAMES MORRIS,
GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE,
1001 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

MAIL SOLIDARITY HOT STORY WEDNESDAY NIGHT TELEGRAPHING SUMMARY ELSIE HORNBACK SHERLIE STAR PROSECUTION WITNESS HAS RETRACTED IDENTIFICATION OF BARNETT. SAMUEL JOHNSON, SEVENTH JUROR, TO HELP DEFENSE. MAKES AFFIDAVIT URGING LIBERATION. FUNDS LOW. MORE IMPORTANT STUFF IN SIGHT. MUST GO TO OREGON. IF POSSIBLE TELEGRAPH TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, SEATTLE WITNESS SATURDAY. SPECIFY GENERAL DEFENSE CREDENTIAL SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION.

ABERDEEN, WASH., NOV. 6, 1924.

INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY,
CHICAGO, ILL.

BY DEFENSE NEWS SERVICE CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON. MRS. ELSIE HORNBACK SHERLIE STAR PROSECUTION WITNESS HAS JUST MADE AFFIDAVIT RETRACTING HER IDENTIFICATION OF BARNETT AS GUNMAN IN AVALON WINDOW ARMISTICE DAY AFTER LONG CROSS EXAMINATION DURING TRIAL. SHE DID SAY IN HER OPINION HE WAS GUNMAN BUT DECLARES SHE NEVER INTENDED TO IDENTIFY HIM POSITIVELY. SHE HAD REPEATEDLY SAID ON WITNESS STAND THAT SHE COULD NOT SAY POSITIVELY COULD ONLY SAY GENERAL APPEARANCE OF BARNETT WAS SAME AS GUNMAN. SAYS IF HER TESTIMONY WAS PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN CONVICITING BARNETT IT WAS GRAVE INJUSTICE. E. E. SWEITZER JUROR IN NEW AFFIDAVIT DECLARED BARNETT WAS CONVICTED CHIEFLY ON ELSIE'S TESTIMONY. SAMUEL JOHNSON IS SEVENTH JUROR TO AID DEFENSE HE MAKES AFFIDAVIT SAYING JURY UNDERSTOOD SECOND DEGREE MURDER VERDICT WOULD MEAN ONLY FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS. BELIEVES DEFENDANTS OUGHT TO BE LIBERATED HAVE PAID AMPLE PENALTY FOR ANY WRONG THEY MAY HAVE DONE. SAYS COMMUTATION WOULD ACCORD WITH JURY'S PLEA FOR LENIENCY FOR DEFENDANTS WHICH WAS IGNORED BY JUDGE WILSON. SIGNIFICANTLY INSCRIPTION ON LEGION MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED ARMISTICE DAY DOES NOT CAST ANY BLAME ON INDUSTRIAL WORKERS SIMPLY SAYS LEGIONNAIRES WERE SLAIN WHILE PEACEFULLY PARADING. —J. N. B.

Morris also made verbal appeal for funds to help Beffel carry on the work.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Cole, 110): That $200 be granted to send to Beffel. Carried, 18 to 3.

Jordan arrived at 2:10.

Ways and means committee presents recommenda-

tion No. 3 from James Morris report as follows: "All Defense moneys, either for relief or publicity, to be sent to the main office of Defense."

Majority committee concurs. Minority (Oates and Schwandt) do not concur.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Schwandt, 330): That we concur with minority report. Motion carried.

Fisher arrived at 2:23.

Resolution No. 4, report of James Morris, read as follows: The San Francisco, San Pedro and Centralia committees to carry on publicity work only. Capable publicity man to be employed by the Gen-Defense committee and stationed at the above places. Majority report concurs. Minority report (Oates and Schwandt) does not concur.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Leonard, 310): That we concur with minority report. Carried, 14 to 5.

Resolution No. 5, recommendation from report of James Morris, read as follows:

That no attorneys be employed on cases involving vagrancy, trespassing on railroad property or any cases that generally bring sentences ranging from 30 to 60 days. Committee recommends that the General Defense committee decide each case upon its merit.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Erwin, 230): That we concur with committee on recommendation No. 5.

The complete report of ways and means committee. Report accepted as progress with no objection.

Gray reports; read statement from J. A. Griffith, as follows:

To the Membership of the
Industrial Workers of the World:

In articles signed by me as chairman of the General Executive Board of the I. W. W. one could construe them to mean that I myself had seen actual violence in and around the General Headquarters of the I. W. W. at 1001 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. I wish to add that I have never stated that I had seen anyone evicted from the general headquarters building at 1001 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill., or seen any guns drawn on anyone around there. I am aware that a number of others state otherwise. They had ample time to come before the general convention of the I. W. W. and substantiate their allegations. They failed to do so. You may draw your own conclusions.—J. A. Griffith, Suspended Chairman of the G. E. B.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Chuba, 440): That a copy of all statements be sent to Industrial Worker and all I. W. W. publications. Carried, 15 to 3.

Arthur Linn took floor for explanation, questioning and decision.

October 13, 1924.

To the Delegates Assembled at the 16th General Constitutional Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World: Fellow Workers:—

Having been elected chairman of the G. O. C. of I. U. 110 I took office February 1, 1924, and according to the new form of the G. E. B. I automatically became a G. E. B. member.

About the first part of March I was notified by the chairman of the board that there would be a meeting of the newly installed G. E. B. which lasted for a period of seventeen days. Nothing very constructive was accomplished at this session, as most of the time was taken up in wrangling over personalities, and who was going to pay the G. E. B. However, a referendum ballot was put out in regard to initiation and dues as the results of the previous ballot were so conflicting that we could not come to any agreement on the question. Also, a policy was laid down for the publications to abide by. Outside of that, the time was taken up over personal grievances and petty wrangles, as instead of trying to do something for the organization as a whole, most of the board members were trying to get something for their Industrial Unions.

In the last part of June, when he had three or four days before his term of office would be up, the G. E. B. member of I. U. 120, Adolph Vangsness, put out a call for a board meeting, basing his request on things that had happened about three or four months before and while he was around Headquarters as a G. E. B. member. The reasons he gave were to investigate the I. U. 510 ballots and to find out why Doyle went East to Washington, D. C. However, if he were opposed to those actions he should have brought the matter up at the time it happened and not have waited until he was going out of office; and I am thoroughly convinced that he was used as a tool and this was a lame excuse for a board meeting.

It is my firm belief that this so-called board meeting had been planned ahead, long before it came to a head, as there were some individuals around Headquarters who, as far as I can see, have never done anything in the organization but cause dissension and disruption wherever they have been in the organization, and at the present time were trying to disrupt the General Headquarters. These individuals are M. Raddock, Fred Bowerman and John Grady, and they were just awaiting the co-operation of some Tin Jesus who had the backing of the membership in the field. When James Rowan arrived in Chicago with a chip on his shoulder over the Leavenworth controversy he naturally fell in with this tribe, and that had just the party they wanted as at that time James Rowan was the Jesus of Nazareth of the lumberjacks of the Northwest.

To prove the above statements there were 110 members in the field who knew that a G E. B. meeting was going to be held to remove Doyle and others from office a long time before the call ever went out for a board meeting, as Grady and others had been writing to 110 members in the field telling them what was going to happen. Also, at the time James Rowan arrived in Chicago, Fred Bowerman was in the state of Pennsylvania—supposed to be functioning for I. U. 440. The same day that Rowan arrived in town Bowerman sent a wire to Doyle and Fisher telling them of the wonderful opportunities for organization work in that part of the country and requested them to send him $100 for expenses

to act as organizer. Doyle sent him the $100 to act as organizer for the general organization but instead of doing organization work he spent the $100 to come to Chicago, as he arrived a couple of days later and began going into secret sessions with Rowan and others.

A ballot was put out by the chairman of the board, Joe Fisher, to vote upon the question of holding a board session, which did not carry by a two-third majority as provided for by the constitution, and all board members were notified by Fellow Worker Fisher that there would be no board meeting. I voted no on this ballot, and my reasons for doing so were that I did not consider the reasons given as sufficient grounds for a session, as there was nothing of importance to be settled and it would have been the same as at the spring session—continuous wrangling over personalities at a time of year when it took all my time to carry on my work as chairman of the G. O. C. of I. U. 110.

However, the Rowan faction decided to hold a session anyhow, as they told Doyle and Fisher, "To hell with you people! We will hold one anyhow." As this session was not called to order through the proper channels, by the chairman of the G. E. B., and therefore was not a legal session according to the constitution, I did not attend same and ignored it completely. They immediately set to work and sent out disruptive leaflets and minutes to the field, getting the membership in an uproar and hampering the work of organization.

The 310 committee sent in from Portland to investigate Wm. Buchwald, attempted to get both factions together, to annul all previous actions and to meet to consider their grievance. But Bowerman and Co. refused to listen to them.

While I was at Omaha attending a G. O. C. meeting, I. U. 510 sent a representative to Chicago, Fellow Worker James Gilday, to try to get the G. E. B. together, to stop the dissension, etc., that was going on in the field. When I returned to Chicago I was at once interviewed by Fellow Worker Gilday as to whether I would meet with the rest of the board, and himself and Monoldi as representatives of I. U. 510 and 330. This I agreed to do and was told that all board members would meet in the G. E. B. room at 3 p. m. But Rowan and Co. failed to attend this session, after telling Fellow Worker Gilday that they would do so. So we just took up a couple of questions of importance at this session, such as putting out a referendum ballot calling for a constitutional convention as soon as possible; also regulating the financial affairs of I. U. 510 as per the constitution and concurring with their action in regard to $1 dues as was carried by a referendum ballot of I. U. 510, as I. U. 510 is in a position where it cannot exist on 50c dues.

Rowan and Co. then proceeded to tie up all the funds of the general organization, Defense and I. U.'s. The members around Chicago got disgusted with their dirty and underhanded tactics and proceeded to take action themselves, and politely notified them that if they were going to continue their meeting and carry on their disruptive work they would have to get out of Headquarters. As they refused to adjourn their meeting and go back to their respective desks to function as officials of their I. U.'s they were told to leave the building, which they did. They put up a great holler about gunmen and hi-jacks throwing them out. But there were no guns or clubs used and not even a fight occurred in Headquarters.

They then proceeded to get an injunction out against the general administration, and the result was that the general headquarters was closed up by an order from the court. The reason they gave for applying for the injunction was that they were afraid that Doyle and Fisher were going to run off with the funds of the organization, after they had already tied them up so that no one could touch them.

And according to their own minutes, etc., they showed that they were unwilling to let the rank and file decide the question. And P. D. Ryan's mind must certainly have been controlled by some one else as in their minutes it shows where a motion was made by Rowan and seconded by Ryan to call upon the members to come to Chicago to investigate the controversy, which was lost, and after Ryan seconded the motion he was recorded as not voting. And he stated in a circular signed by himself that he had called upon the membership to decide the question but that they did not comply with his wishes.

Various investigating committees began to arrive in Chicago from different branches throughout the country. They interviewed all parties involved in the controversy and requested them to resign as officials of the organization. This I agreed to do providing the other faction would resign and immediately withdraw the injunction. I did not agree to resign because I thought I was in the wrong, but did so in order to try to get the case out of the capitalist courts.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that these birds are attempting to cause a split in the organization, as James Rowan, Tom Moore and others have made the statement that there must be a split in the organization. Also, Wm. Buchwald was sending letters out in the field to this effect.

In closing I would like to state that if all parties who applied for the injunction are allowed to take an active part in the organization I do not want to belong to it, as I do not want to belong to any organization that is guided by a bunch of **rats** and **finks.**

Hoping for a clear cut decision by this convention, I remain,

Yours for a Bigger and Better I. W. W.,
ARTHUR LINN, Card No. 407217.

M. & S. (Jordan, 110-Hanson, 110): That suspension of Arthur Linn be lifted. Chair rules motion out of order.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Chuba, 440): That Linn

be exonerated of all accusations against him in the controversy.

Amended (Leonard, 310-Murray, 120): That he be found guilty of breaking the constitution.

Chair rules amendment in order. Mann appeals rule of chair. Chair not sustained, 5 to 11. Amendment out of order.

Amendment (Swanson, 310-Oates, 210-220) That we find Fellow Worker Linn has neglected his duty as G. E. B. member. Out of order.

Motion lost, 11 to 14, on record vote.

I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes; (120) Welinder no, Broman no, Grad no, Murray no; 210-220: Mattson no, Oates no; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Henrikson no, Schwandt yes, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That we find Fellow Worker Linn guilty of breaking the constitution and not living up to his duties as a G. E. B. member.

Amended (Henrikson, 330-Erwin, 230): That we find Fellow Worker Linn guilty of violating the constitution, Article VII, Section 3 (a).

Amendment to amendment (Jordan, 110-Hanson, 110): That we find the Marine Transport Industrial Union No. 510 guilty of violating Article VII, Section 3 (2). Chair declares amendment to amendment out of order. Jordan appeals decision of chair. Chair sustained, 13 to 4.

Amendment lost, 6 to 19:

I. U. 110: Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman no, Grad yes, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates no; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson no, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt no, Sanjour no; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no.

Broman voted no on the grounds that this section does not apply to the G. E. B.

Motion lost, 12 to 13 on record vote as follows:

I. U. 110: Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates yes; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Henrikson yes, Schwandt no, Sanjour yes; (440) Thompson no, Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Broman, 120): That Fellow Worker Linn be discharged as a member of the G. E. B. Carried, Murray and Grad voting no, because they believe him guilty of breaking the constitution and that he should be expelled.

Broman of the temporary administration committee reports as follows (reads excerpt of letter from main office of I. U. 510): "We hope that the committee in general headquarters will succeed in bringing the organization into unity again. We are cutting down expenses here, but things seem to have stopped in the way of organization. We are hardly making ends meet. The Seattle branch has remitted one hundred dollars today so that will help us to continue for some time, and we hope in the near future to be able to menace the boss in the way we should. Yours for a greater I. W. W.—T. McGill."

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Henrikson, 330): That we accept the report of administration committee as progress. Carried.

Mann of grievance committee presented communications from Ed Hayes, expelled member of I. U. 210-220, requesting permission to present himself to grievance committee tonight.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Hanson, 110): That the grievance committee be instructed to take up the case of Ed. Hayes on that date.

Amend. (Oates, 210-220-Leonard, 310): That the case be heard on the floor of the convention.

Amendment to amendment (Jordan, 110- Hanson, 110): That all the evidence in the Hayes case be turned over to the grievance committee for immediate action.

Amendment to amendment carried, 12 to 7, Broman voting no, as amendment to amendment is covered by original motion.

Communication from Chas. Gibson is read, as follows:

November 7, 1924.

To the Delegates of the 16th Annual Convention
Of the Industrial Workers of the World.
Fellow Workers:

Arriving in town the 11th of October to attend the convention and make my report. During my stay I have drawn two weeks wages. As I. U. 230 is now in the Small I. U.'s and the present administration have referred me to the delegates of the convention for the balance of my wages and mileages to the field.

I am claiming one week's wages which does not cover all and $37 milegae back to the field, making a total of $65. Trusting that the delegates will give this their consideration, and with best wishes, I remain,

Yours for the I. W. W.,
CHAS. GIBSON,
Suspended G. E. B. Member, and Ex-Chairman of
I. U. No. 230

P. S.—The above does not include mileage in here which I am not asking for.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Nelson, 310): That Fellow Worker Gibson be granted his wages and transportation to the field. Carried, 9 to 3. Recount demanded; carried on recount, 8 to 6.

Press committee report read herewith.

M. &. S. (Erwin, 230-Jordan, 110): That we accept press report. Carried.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Thompson, 440) that we elect three or more on auditing committee. Those

who accepted nominations were Speed, Schwandt and Mattson.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Rumbaugh, S. I. U): that the three who accepted be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—24TH DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1924

Session called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present, except Broman and Gray, excused for committee duty. Also Mann and Fisher.

Minutes from S. W. District I. U. 310 read. Not incorporated, as their contents appeared in previous wire.

Minutes of I. U. 460 Branch, Denver, read. Not inserted, as they appeared previously in wire.

Minutes from Sacramento Branch read, I. U. 310. Filed, as they have been incorporated in minutes previously, through wire.

Minutes of yesterday's session read.

Broman arrived at 9:10 a. m.

Mann arrived at 9:20 a. m.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Chuba, 440): That minutes be accepted as corrected, subject to final reading. Carried.

Mann of Grievance Committee stated, that he is not yet ready to report.

Resolution Committee presented Resolution No. 28, previously tabled. "Be it resolved that if we keep the general defense that they be compelled to make all attorneys furnish a complete expense account, itemized with vouchers also for expenses for legal work and money given them as at present no such thing is done.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Nelson, 310): That we concur with Resolution No. 28. Carried.

Ways and Means Committee state they have nothing to report.

Constitution and By-laws Committee have nothing to report.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Hanson, 110): That we rescind our former action on Resolution No. 21. Carried, 15 to 2.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Cole, 110): That we do not concur with Resolution No. 21. Carried.

Grad of Auditing Committee reported herewith:

John I. Turner

Receipts:

Advanced from General Office	$329.42
Collection from meetings for Gen. Org.	303.85
Donations for Papers	6.50
For California Defense	49.16
For San Pedro	26.06
Total	$714.99

Expenses:

Wages from April 28-Aug. 5, 1924	$396.00
Mileage	154.14
Wires and Postage	6.98
Traveling allowances	69.00
Tax and street car fares	1.65
Remitted for California Defense	49.16
" for San Pedro	26.06
Total	$ 702.99

Total Receipts	$714.99
Total Expenses	702.99
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1924	$12.00
Paid, Oct. 28, Rec. No. 884	12.00
Cash on Hand	None

Report of Auditing Committee on John I. Turner's Report

We, the undersigned auditing committee, have audited the attached report from Fellow Worker John I. Turner and found it correct.

We recommend that in the future a fixed sum be allowed all speakers as traveling expenses, as it proves to be almost impossible for the speakers to get vouchers for such expenses, and the auditing committees have to accept their personal receipts for them.

Frank Grad,
Ruth Rumbaugh,
J. Sanjour,
Auditing Committee.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That Auditing Committee report on F. W. Turner be accepted.

Amend. (Broman, 120-Swanson, 310): That we concur with recommendations of Auditing Committee and refer same to the G. E. B. Carried.

Report of Auditing Committee was accepted as progress by Chair, with no objections.

Report of Thos. Smith, ex-G. E. B. member, read as follows:

To the Members of the General Executive Board
of the Industrial Workers of the World.
Fellow Workers:

This is but a brief summary of my report as a member of the General Executive Board.

While at Prescott, Ariz., I received a wire to come to Chicago to sit on the Board. I answered the wire and received another wire stating that $100 was sent me for transportation. It was too late to leave on that date which was the sixth of November. I left on the seventh and arrived in Chicago about 10 o'clock on the day of the 10th. Presented my credentials and was seated as a member of the Board. I attended all meetings of the Board.

During the time that the Board was in session, there were many questions brought to our attention.

One case that the Board had to deal with was the settlement of the Bond Question with Otto Christenson, the lawyer employed by the defense. After many days of discussion, trying to provide ways and means of settlement, which wound up and ended the further employment of Otto Christenson as an attorney in the employ of the General Defense, we agreed on a settlement, which was not altogether

satisfactory to some of the members of the Board; nevertheless the majority by vote, decided to settle on the basis which no doubt you have read in the Official Bulletin, and at the present time are paying off the Bond debt as fast as the loans are applied for, so that you, the incoming Board Members, can continue on paying until the limit for such payments expires.

Another thing considered by the Board was the proposition of providing ways and means of establishing foreign administrations, which the Board could not see their way clear in so doing as there were no funds in the treasury to carry such propositions through. Places considered were Australia, England and Germany.

Again the problem of providing speakers. As I stated previously, having no funds with which to care for such, and further not being able to agree on this matter, owing partly to the fact (that is to some of the Board Members) that the parties selected or whose names were brought up before the Board and recommended that they be sent out as speakers, did not appear to me that they were the right parties, to send either to the West coast or the East coast. I believed at the time and do still believe that they are nothing but leeches, trying to foist themselves on the organization. In my opinion the only loyalty they had or have was the loyalty for self-gain, in that they might be able to secure a meal ticket, at the expense of those still confined in the various jails throughout the country, and for the reason that they are always hanging around the headquarters. I have already mentioned there was no money in the treasury, yet there was always enough to furnish or finance transportation for such, which goes to show that as long as you stand well with the element in control of your finances, there will always be a way found to finance you.

This, with many other unnecessary things that were done around Headquarters, you will find upon investigation was not necessary at all.

Some of these things were the putting in of cupboards and shelves and whatever was installed in the basement, which in my opinion was for no other reason than to find a way to provide a job for someone. This work should not have been done, as in my opinion there is lots of space already unoccupied; and in the further fact that you are asked to provide a new location for Headquarters. This last in itself shows that there was no need for such work being done.

I also find that the basement is the gathering places for a lot of philosophers, whose philosophy for the most part consists of discussion of the merits and the demerits of horse racing. This matter should be looked into and ways and means provided to put a stop to such.

My reason for being in the basement is for the purpose of keeping me from Headquarters from either seeing or hearing what might be going on in the place . I also wish to call your attention to the fact that my pay was stopped for one week, for no other reason, but my entering a protest against sending Fellow Worker Lowe to the Coal Miners' Convention, to represent our organization at said convention, and as I had spent two days in the cellar after he left for said convention, and did not know that he was gone, until I heard the chairman being asked where Lowe was and he in reply stated that he was at the Coal Miners' Convention. I therefore came to the conclusion that I was being played for a sucker and should not be told anything that was being done, so I did not return to the basement until Fellow Worker Lowe came back, but instead went out to look up a building for headquarters, per the instructions of the convention, and also the instructions of the G. E. B. before they adjourned.

In the past week I was working in the basement counting leaflets, and Fellow Worker Lowe had not shown up there with the exception of about twenty minutes one day and his pay went on just the same. You see that it all depends on how you stand with the gang at headquarters.

I also note that the stenographer in headquarters could lay off a day and a half and receive pay for the same, and not only that but came to work on many occasions from 10 minutes to one hour late and she received pay for the same.

I also note that there were a few Sundays that the chairman and the secretary-treasurer did not show up, but according to the pay-roll they received their pay in full, although the constitution states $4.00 per day.

There is also Fellow Worker Drenan who was supposed to leave for the East on the date of the adjournment, but for some reason he did not leave for 4 or 5 days after and received his full pay.

There are other things that I could bring to your attention, but will refrain for the present. I will state above all the places that I ever got into, for dirty slimy leeches and hangers on, Chicago beats any place I ever had the misfortune to land in. I will state that there are about 12 or 14 real I. W. W.s in headquarters, but it is my candid opinion that there is not one amongst your official family, only in name and in name only. So hoping for a speedy clean-up of Headquarters and a return to the clime where one will meet real I. W. W.s, I remain yours for the overthrow of the whole damn rotten system, as carried on in your headquarters,

Thos. Smith.

I will also state, that for the actions on the part of some of your official family I fear for the well being of the organization. I wish to make a few recommendations for your consideration.

First: That the New York Branch of the General Defense office be discontinued, as in my opinion it was only opened for the purpose of furnishing some friend with a meal ticket.

I also recommend: That the General Defense Committee be composed of elected officials, as at this time the fellow worker who is hired as secretary of the Small I. U.s, has been given the same voting

power as the elected officials and also that all the G. E. B. members be given the same voting power as the delegates representing the I. U.s at the General Convention.

Hoping and wishing for a bigger and better I. W. W., **Thos. Smith**, G. E. B.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Hanson, 110): That report of Thos. Smith, ex-G. E. B. member be filed. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Jordan, 110): That report of Thos. Smith be not inserted in the minutes.

Lost on record vote, 6 to 15. Record vote on Thos. Smith as G. E. B. Member: (110): Mann, yes; Fisher, absent; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, absent; Cole, yes; (120): Welinder, no; Broman, no; Grad, no; Murray, no; (210-220): Mattson, no; Oates, no; (310): Leonard, no; Nelson, no; Swanson, no; (330): Henrikson, no; Schwandt, yes; Sanjour, no; (440): Thompson, yes; Chuba, no; (510): Speed, not voting; Walquist, no; (S. I. U.): R. Rumbaugh, no.

Oates excused to go attend to his deportation case 10:30 a. m.

Gray arrived at 10:30 a. m.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Erwin, 230): That we rescind our former action in regard to Il Proletario.

Monoldi, Secretary-Treasurer of I. U. 330 took the floor here, and explained the circumstances of the Italian paper.

The following letter was read from G. Mangano, Business Manager:

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct., 29, 1924.

To the Delegates of the 16th General Convention
of the Industrial Workers of the World,
Emmet Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Workers:

This morning I received the minutes of the 11th day of the Convention and was astonished at what concerns the action regarding the "Il Proletario". I always believed that conventions are for the purpose of eliminating the evils in the organization and also to develop means to build up a better organization in the future.

The report of "Il Proletario" asked you for cooperation, in order that it could save money, be saved from ceasing its publications and also to put the paper in a position whereby more organization work could be done among the Italian workers of this country. But according to the majority report, which was approved by the convention, you put us in a worse position than we were in before sending said report.

The object of this letter is to appeal to your intelligence and induce you to reconsider your action and grant us what we asked for in our report.

If you discuss the thing from commercial point of view, then I agree with you that it should be done as the majority report calls for, but if you consider matters from industrial revolutionary organization point of view, then you should put in your mind that by your actions you put us in a fix which (perhaps) may compel us to suspend the paper for a period of time.

I should like to bring before your body the fact that it is about 8 weeks that I have not drawn wages from the paper for the reason that we have a deficit of eight hundred dollars ($800), although I am doing my best to enlarge the paper and put it on a good financial basis.

I conclude by telling you to cancel the deficit for the time being and send us, without delay, all the stencils, cabinets, etc., then in the near future if we should be able to pay we will devote the amount as contribution to the General Organization or any branch of the General Defense Committee.

Hoping that this will be taken in good consideration and the result of same will be wired to us at the very earliest possible time, I remain,

Yours for a bigger and stronger I. W. W.,
G. Mangano, Business Mgr.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Grad, 120): That we concur with the minority report. Carried, 17 to 2.

Henrikson wishes to be recorded as having submitted the minority report, as he understood that to be part of his instructions from the fellow workers in the East.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Thompson, 440): Any publication not financed by the General Administration must pay its printing bill to the Equity Prniting Co. in full every 30 days. Lost.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Mann, 110): That report of New York Defense Office, read by Chas. Gray, be accepted as read, and the General Defense Office be instructed to meet their requests in the affirmative. Carried, 16 to 3.

Report of New York Defense:

November 3rd, 1924.

Charles Gray,
Gen. Administration Comm.,
Chicago, Ill.

Fellow Worker:

Because of the removal of Fellow Worker James Morris as secretary of the General Defense Committee, and because I am under the impression that you are the member of the Gen. Administration Comm. entrusted with handling of Defense affairs, I am making this report of the New York Branch, Gen. Defense Comm. direct to you. If I am in error you can turn this report over to the proper official, or to the Convention itself.

As my monthly reports have been sent regularly to Fellow Worker Morris, with the exception of the September and October reports, which I enclose herewith, I shall only totalize my receipts and expenditures for the time that I have been in charge of the New York Branch of the General Defense Committee.

From January 14th to October 31st, 1924 the following totals have been received and expended:

Total receipts	$2,943.15
" expenses	2,928.65
Balance, Oct. 31, 1924	$14.50

From funds raised by the New York Branch $400 has been paid for legal expenses in the deportation cases. Over $200 has been expended, directly and indirectly, for relief of members held for deportation on Ellis Island. $100 has been paid on premiums on bonds of deportees whose cases are still in the courts awaiting arguments on appeal. $150 has been remitted to Chicago.

Outside of these receipts and expenditures the New York Branch has been able to raise a fund, that is now about $200, which will be used to furnish relief for the alien I. W. W. ex-political prisoners who may be deported. This fund is in the hands of a committee of private individuals and donations from this fund will be made on demand from the New York Branch whenever any of the ex-political prisoners are called to Ellis Island for deportation. This fund only applies to the Federal ex-political prisoners, not to the State political prisoners. If the cases against the Federal ex-political prisoners are finally disposed of in their favor I shall try to induce this committee to turn over their funds to those State political prisoners who may be deported.

The New York Branch has also succeeded in making arrangements with the trustees of the Personal Service Fund (one time known as the Garland Fund) whereby every political prisoner, whether State or Federal, who is deported will be accorded financial assistance to enable him to get upon his feet in the country to which he will be deported. From this fund several fellow workers have already been given financial assistance. Some of the donations given to these deportees will show upon the books of the New York Branch, because the donations were sent direct to this branch of the General Defense. Others will not show because they were sent direct to the individuals themselves as in the cases of Fellow Workers Jacob Tori and Jack Gaveel. None the less credit must be given to the New York Branch who solicited this aid for them. In one case, that of Fellow Worker Thomas McDonough, the trustees of the Personal Service Fund departed from their rule of not giving aid to any but State and Federal political prisoners who were being deported and let this office have a provisional loan of $25 to supply upon his relief while on Ellis Island. I accepted this loan because of the urgent need of Fellow Worker McDonough. The Personal Service Fund trustees told me that I was under no obligation to return this loan, but if the organization would return it they would appreciate it. They only departed from their regular rule because I had pointed out to them the extreme need of Fellow Worker McDonough. I would suggest that the organization assume this obligation and return this loan to the Personal Service Fund whenever the finances will permit.

Another loan secured by this office was one of $150 from the Civil Liberties Union. This loan was secured to cover very urgent legal expenses that had to be met at short notice in order to perfect the appeal of the deportees whose cases are still in the courts. The Chicago office was not able to advance the money required at that time. $100 of this loan has been paid back and a balance of $50 still remains to be paid. This balance is more than covered by donations sent to Chicago that must be credited to the New York Office. For instance: this Branch was active in inducing the Paterson fellow workers to send a donation of $400 to the General Defense Committee at the time their funds were tied up by the injunction proceedings and finances were urgently needed. One third of this $400 was specifically promised to the New York Branch for its work of relief and defense in the deportation cases, but, because of the critical situation in Chicago the New York Branch advised Paterson to send their share on to Chicago and we would get it later when the financial situation in the General Defense became brighter. In addition another donation of $90 sent by Fellow Worker Mangano, and specifically promised to the New York Branch, should be credited to the New York Branch. This donation was sent to Chicago because the hearings in the Mahler case were up and there were no funds on hand to meet the legal expenses of that hearing; because this emergency existed the donation meant for the New York Branch was sent to Chicago. There have been one or two other smaller donations meant for the New York Branch that were sent to Chicago, notably one by Mrs. Henry Villard. Altogether the obligations assumed by the New York Branch are more than covered by monies sent to Chicago that were meant for the New York Branch. Had these funds been held in New York, or sent here, instead of being remitted to Chicago these obligations could have been met easily. I suggest that this obligation of $50 to the Civil Liberties Union be assumed by the General Defense Committee and paid out of funds meant for the New York Branch, whenever, of course, the finances will permit.

The above recital of funds sent to Chicago that were meant for the work of the New York Branch is not made for the purpose of showing that Chicago has funds that belong rightly in New York. This Branch has no complaint to make upon that score. It knows the desperate situation that existed in Chicago—and still exists—as a result of the damnable and treasonable injunction proceedings and this Branch only regrets that more money that might be credited to the New York Branch did not go to Chicago to help the Defense Committee there carry on. We only mention these things to show that the New York Branch is, and has been, self-sustaining and has been no burden upon the General Defense Committee.

In addition to its work upon the deportation cases, and this work included the circularizing of thousands of people and the holding of many meetings, not to mention the large amount of personal solicitation and interviewing of prominent people to get them interested in the cases of the deportees, the New York Branch has been able to render the California Defense in some of its cases some little

assistance. Fellow Workers Claude Erwin and Ed Delaney will, I am sure, vouch for the willingness of the New York Branch to cooperate with the California Defense whenever called upon.

In regard to the carping critics who have insistently and consistently been demanding that the New York Branch be closed and its secretary be removed from the pay-roll, it does seem a waste of time to argue with these unthinking members. Plain common sense should tell them that unless they have something better to offer to take care of the interests of our members who are facing deportation their criticisms are just so many idle and angry fumings. So far I have not seen any concrete plans offered to take care of the deportation cases. It is certain that if the interests of the deportees are to be fully guarded the place to protect them is not two thousand miles away from where the deportations are to take place, but right where most of our members have been, and will be, deported from. That place is Ellis Island, and New York is the logical place to have an office to fight for the deportees, for New York is right at the gates of Ellis Island. Here, too, is the most expert opinion obtainable regarding the legal rights of deportees. These cases cannot be fought at long range, the delay attendant upon such a method of fighting gives the Department of Labor, which is bitterly hostile to the I. W. W. and most unscrupulous in its attempts to deport our members, too much opportunity to railroad our members out of the country. I cannot believe that those who so easily ask for the closing up of the New York office have ever given any serious thought to the matter. They have, I am certain, either been misled into this attitude, or they are of those types of members—and we have far too many of them—who allow their personal prejudices to swamp their reason, and who because they do not like someone personally will not only attack the individual himself but all his work also, or, again, if they do not like the ideas that someone stands for instead of merely trying to combat this ideas in a logical and reasoned manner try to refute his ideas by personal attacks. I feel no hesitation in saying that most of the attacks upon the New York Branch and its secretary have been instigated by that most despicable character, Dr. Blossom, and carried on by his little army of dupes of whom James Rowan, of infamous injunction fame, is one. It would be doing these characters too much honor to answer them at length so I shall content myself by asking all who are interested in fair play to ask the men vitally concerned in the deportation cases their opinion of the work of the New York Branch. In the last analysis they should be the ultimate court of judgment because it is their interests that the New York Branch has been trying to protect. Insincere members who wish to see the New York Branch closed before its work is completed on the deportation cases, and who don't give a damn as to what the probable effect of their actions may mean to the deportees, mean nothing to me. I am for Democracy but not Mobocracy, and they typify the mob spirit not the real democratic ideal.

However, if these critics will take the trouble to look over the financial reports of the New York Branch they may still their clamor that I be removed from pay-roll for they will find that I haven't been on the pay-roll half the time. They will find that I have been doing much of the work of this office on my own money and what little I have been able to borrow personally; they will find that I have over $200 coming in back wages, which I have no expectation of ever getting. It is certain that they will never have the common decency and manhood to insist that I be paid for the work I have done—although even a capitalist boss would be honest enough to insist upon this being done. If it will please them to know it I might state that if our plans to settle the cases of the deportees favorably are successful—and success seems very possible—the New York Branch will close up automatically in a very few weeks. If they still insist upon my head being delivered to them upon a silver platter I am perfectly willing to tender my resignation to the Convention whenever the Convention so wishes. More than that I cannot do.

In conclusion I might add, for the benefit of those individuals who still have faith in those who have proved utterly faithless to the principles and ideals of the I. W. W. that the action of Rowan and his aides in securing an injunction that tied up Defense funds has worked hardships upon members of the I. W. W. who have been deported from Ellis Island since the injunction proceedings were commenced. The California boys, Fellow Workers Gaveel, Sanchez and Timologos were unable to receive adequate relief because my request for funds from Chicago to care for their wants while upon Ellis Island could not be granted due to the injunction tying up the funds of the Defense Committee.

All the explanations of the men responsible for putting this injunction upon funds raised for the specific purpose of extending relief to our class-war prisoners cannot explain away their wanton and cruel neglect of these members of ours who were on Ellis Island, facing deportation after long years of imprisonment. If there is such a thing as high treason against the working class then these acts of Rowan at al constituted that crime. Not a single word of inquiry came from Rowan or any of his cohorts as to whether they could be of any assistance in extending relief to the men facing deportation. For all that Rowan et al cared these members of ours could have rotted for an eternity upon Ellis Island and they would not have stirred a finger to relieve their sufferings. They claim to be the real I. W. W. and they prate their devotion to the California Defense yet I defy anyone to show me where they moved a hand in behalf of the three California boys who were deported from Ellis Island.

The New York Branch wishes to thank, in particular, Fellow Worker James Morris, Ed Delaney

and Claude Erwin for the cordial spirit of co-operation displayed by them in their relations with the New York Branch of the General Defense Comm. There has never been the slightest friction between the New York Branch and the offices represented by the Fellow Workers named. At all times we have exchanged ideas and suggestions with a view to developing greater harmony and efficiency. It has been a pleasure to work with such sincere members of the I. W. W.

The New York Branch wishes to thank, also, "Il Proletario" and the Italian membership for their support of the deportees. Thanks must be given also to "Solidarity" and the "Industrial Pioneer" for much useful and needed publicity upon these cases. Since very little support has been given from our general membership to the cases of the deportees very little thanks can be accorded them. They have been very negligent of these cases and seem to think that deportation is only a kind of vacation for the deportees. Although death, imprisonment and forcible induction into military service has been the fate of some of the men already deported. The response to the appeals for aid, for funds, to assist in fighting the cases of the deportees and to secure relief for them when deported or while awaiting deportation, have been negligible. These appeals have practically fallen upon deaf ears and have gone unheeded. Only the Italian membership showed any ready response to the appeals for the deportees. This is a sad commentary upon our membership but candid truth makes it necessary to stress this fact.

Trusting that the above report will meet with the approval of the General Defense Committee, the Convention and the membership, I close with hopes that the work of the General Defense Committee will move on to greater harmony and more efficiency, and that the deliberations of the Convention will lead to the building up of a greater and more powerful I. W. W.

Yours for the I. W. W.,
Richard Brazier,
Sec.-Treas., New York Br. Gen. Def. Com.

Financial Report of N. Y. Br. Gen. Def. Committee for Sept. and Oct., 1924

September Receipts:

Balance brought forward	$213.45
Sept. 2nd Cash refund from picnic	25.00
Sept. 2nd, A. Bentz, check returned	30.00
Sept. 15th, J. Phillips, donat. Joint Amnesty Comm., Boston	31.20
Total balance and receipts, Sept., 1924	$299.65

September Expenses:

Sept. 2nd,A. Bentz, rent, picnic grounds (Check to replace old one)	$ 30.00
Sept. 2nd, R. Brazier, acct. wages due	50.00
Sept. 3rd, F. J. Gallagher, B. O. Ind. Pioneers (Thompson meetings)	30.00
Sept. 4th, Telegram, Claude Erwin, McKenna case	1.80
Sept. 15th, Postage stamps	1.00
Sept. 17th, Rent for month end. Oct. 17	30.00
Sept. 17th, R. Brazier, acct. wages due	34.00
Sept. 20th, Telephone calls and carfares	2.00
Total expenses for Sept., 1924	$178.80
Total Receipts for Sept	$299.65
Total expenses for Sept	178.80
Balance on hand, Sept. 30	$120.85

October Receipts:

Balance brought forward	$120.85
Oct. 2nd, Winifred Chappell, donation	$ 5.00
Oct. 11th, G. Mangano, collection, Speed meeting	24.25
Oct. 14th, J. Aron, personal funds deposited	11.75
Oct. 24th, Anna N. Davis, Personal Service Fund loan	25.00
Oct. 30th, Marguerite Tucker, donation	2.00
Total receipts and balance for Oct.	$188.85

October Expenses:

Oct. 1st, Postage stamps	$ 1.00
Oct. 3rd, National Surety Co., premiums on bonds (deportees)	100.00
Oct. 14th, P. Mashylkin, printing, Speed meeting	6.00
Oct. 14th, J. Aron, personal dep. returned	11.75
Oct. 14th, R. Brazier, acct. wages due	8.25
Oct. 15th, Claude Erwin, Speed meeting collection	18.25
Oct. 17th, Envelopes and erasers	1.10
Oct. 24th, T. McDonough, relief Ellis Island	25.00
Oct. 24th, Telephone calls and carfares	2.00
Oct. 25th, Typewriter ribbon	1.00
Total expenses, Oct., 1924	$174.35
Total receipts for Oct.	$188.85
Total expenses for Oct.	174.35
Balance on hand, Oct. 31	$14.50

Richard Brazier,
Sec'y New York Br. Gen. Def. Committee.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510- Chuba, 440): That F. W. Speed on his return to N. Y. investigate the N. Y. Branch of the General Defense, and report his findings to the G. E. B. Carried.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Henrikson, 330): That we take from the table the Grievance Committee recommendation in regard to N. Y. Defense. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Oberman, 110): That we concur with majority report in regard to N. Y. Defense. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Grad, 120): That we go on record to nominate 3 members on this floor for General Secretary-Treasurer, the man receiving the highest number of votes to act as Temporary Secretary-Treasurer until after all ballots have been counted, and if not elected, he shall stay in office until the regularly elected secretary-treasurer is installed.

Amend. (Mann, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That we retain the present Temporary Administration until the new officials come into office.

Substitute (Murray, 120-Nelson 310): That we elect a General Secretary-Treasurer pro tem. until ballots are out in the field and new secretary is elected. Substitute lost, 8 to 10.

Amend. lost, 7 to 14.

Motion lost, 3 to 18.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Henrikson, 330): That floor be thrown open for discussion on question of Temporary Administration. Carried.

Adjourned at 12:30 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—24th DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Fisher and Oates. (Oates was previously excused).

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Chuba, 440): That discussion be closed. Carried.

M. & S. (Henrikson, 330-Oberman, 110): That this convention instructs the delegates to this convention from I. U.s 120 and 310 to elect from among themselves a secretary-treasurer for their respective industrial unions, same to act pro tem.

Fisher arrived at 2:10.

Oates arrived at 2:15.

Motion carried on record vote, unanimously.

M. & S. (Oberman, 110-Chuba, 440): That we take up F. W. Ed Hayes case. Carried.

Grievance Committee reported, Mann on floor. Read charges against Hayes, and following recommendations:

Report of Grievance Committee on the case of Edward Hayes.

We find that a statement from the U. S. Post Office of Butte, Mont., also from the First National Bank of Butte, Mont., stating that money order bearing serial No. 107074 has signature of one Ed Hayes, but we the Grievance Committee do not and cannot say we are positive who signed money order with the above number;

Therefore, We recommend to the Convention that a handwriting expert examine Hayes' signature, right and left hand, and in case the expert finds that his (Hayes) handwriting is the same as on the money order in question, his expulsion be affirmed; in case it is not his signature he be reinstated with all privileges due to a member of the I. W. W., and that this matter be left in the hands of the incoming administration and that they (the administration) be instructed to that effect.

Louis Chuba, 706038 **S. Henrikson,** 485163.

Committee rules that all evidence pertaining to Alicia Rosenbaum has nothing to do with the matter in question. Also that F. W. Mann have no vote in the Committee as made a statement to Ed Hayes that was used in his first trial in Butte, Mont., although F. W. Mann's evidence has no direct bearing on the case it is advisable under the circumstances that Mann be excluded on the matter.

Murray brought in minority report, as follows: "I find that Ed Hayes is guilty, by the evidence produced by the bank and post office receipts."

M. & S. (Nelson, 310-Grad, 120): That we concur with majority report.

Privilege motion (Mann, 110-Thompson, 440): That Hayes be given floor to state his case. Carried.

Hayes took the floor and talked for one hour and ten minutes, then submitted to questioning.

Amend. (Gray, 110-Thompson, 440): In view of the fact that Ed Hayes was never given proper notice to appear at the 210-220 convention, and because Lee Tulin never appealed to the 210-220 convention in a legal manner, and because the evidence against Ed Hayes is vague and insufficient, we reverse the decision of the 210-220 convention, and allow the decision of the Butte Branch of 210-220 in regards to Ed Hayes to stand.

Amend. carried on record vote. 15 for, 9 against.

Record vote on re-instating Ed Hayes: (110): Mann, yes; Fisher, no; Oberman, yes; Jordan, yes; Hanson, yes; Gray, yes; Cole, yes; (120): Welinder, yes; Broman, yes; Grad, yes; Murray, no; (210-220): Mattson, no; Oates, no; (230): Erwin, not voting; (310): Leonard, no; Swanson, no; Nelson, no; (330): Henrikson, no; Schwandt, no; Sanjour, yes; (440): Thompson, yes; Chuba, yes; (510): Speed, yes; Walquist, yes; (S. I. U.): R. Rumbaugh, yes.

Erwin not voting, as he did not see sufficient evidence to be able to form an opinion.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Nelson, 310): That we elect a secretary-treasurer pro tem. to take the place of Ed Fahey. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Walquist, 510): That the Secretaries of all I. U.s act as a provisional board until a referendum is gotten out for new officials.

Amend. (Broman, 120-Henrikson, 330): That the Secretaries of I. U. 110 and 330, the temporary Gen. Secretary-Treasurer, and the temporary Sec'y-Treasurers of 120 and 310, together with representatives from 210-220 and 510, comprise the temporary G. E. B. Carried on record vote; everyone voting yes, except Emil Schwandt. Record vote. (Schwandt voting no). Carried, 23 to 1.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Broman, 120): That it shall take a majority to settle any question of the temporary G. E. B. Carried.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Henrikson, 330): That the Temporary Board elect their own chairman and that he countersign checks. Carried.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That we take up nominations of temporary Secretary-Treasurer. Carried.

Nominated were: Welinder, Broman, Mattson, Erwin, Fisher, Gray, Cole, J. I. Turner, N. Radivoeff, E. Schwandt. All declined except Welinder, Turner, and Cole. Welinder elected.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Mattson, 210-220): That press report be accepted as read. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

MORNING SESSION—25TH DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1924

Session called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairman P. J. Welinder.

All delegates present except Gray and Broman, excused for committee duty. Also Hanson, Fisher, Oates, Thompson, Henrikson.

Communication from S. Henrikson, Delegate of I. U. 330, read as follows:

To the Delegates of the 16th Constitutional Convention of the I. W. W.

Fellow Workers:

I regret to ask you to accept this as my withdrawal from the convention one day before the adjournment, as I think that the convention will wind up to its end by Monday night.

As a member of your body, I wish to state, that all of you have done a great work for your organization and to my knowledge acted to the best interest of the organization under the circumstances. You have served a good cause, not only to your organization, but to the working class as a whole, and therefore it will be my last wish now and forever, that we enter the field of struggle with fearless and honest mind to carry on the work which the convention has outlined. We must persist in bringing the facts before the working class about those who have done all in their power to cause disruption in our ranks and called the master to their aid. Robber has helped the robber, and you must help yourselves. With this fact in my mind I remain yours for a bigger and stronger I. W. W.,

S. Henrikson.

Wire from Timmins, Ont., Branch of I. U. 210-220 read as follows:

Timmins, Ont., Nov. 10, 1924.

P. J. Welinder,
Emmet Memorial Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

Timmins Branch recognizes Convention as bona-fide providing 210-220 delegates investigate L. McCarthy, Fred Fisher, Jack Martin as to their eligibility and other delegates who have received pay from the organization ninety days prior to convention and send reply we demand that injunction be raised and all funds and property be placed in hands of trustees elected from floor of convention. Endorse question No. 3 in official statement, subject to referendum ballot.

Joe Kennedy, Branch Sec'y.

The above ordered inserted and filed, with no objections.

Auditing Committee report on I. U. No. 230 read by Erwin, as follows:

Repot of Auditing Comm. Elected from the Floor of the 1924 General Convention

Audit of O. W. I. U. No. 230 accounts from Nov. 1, 1923 to November 1, 1924.

We the auditing committee have audited the books of and accounts for the fiscal year beginning November 1st, 1923 and ending November 1st, 1924.

J. M. Reilly took over the O. W. I. U. office on Nov. 1, 1923 and we find his accounts correct and the proper receipts and vouchers for receipts and expenditures attached up to August the 1st.

During the month of August we find that J. M. Reilly has entered in the expense column sums amounting to $300 for which there are no receipts and no satisfactory explanations have been made.

These amounts were entered as follows:

August 1st, J. M. Reilly on account	$150.00
" 27th, J. M. Reilly on account	150.00
Total	$300.00

During the month of Sept., we also find that J. M. Reilly has entered in the expense columns sums amounting to $160 for which there are no receipts or vouchers and no satisfactory explanation has been made. These amounts are entered as follows:

September 4th, J. M. Reilly on acct.	$ 50.00
" 10th, J. M. Reilly on acct.	110.00
Total	$160.00

During the month of October we also find that J. M. Reilly has entered the sum of $50.96 for which there is no receipt or voucher and no satisfactory explanation has been made. This amount is entered as follows:

October 24th, J. M. Reilly on acct. ..... $ 50.96

On July 23rd there is entered as receipts under the names of Louis Hayden $45.00. This should be $45.26 as the report sheet and receipt shows that amount.

J. M. Reilly's explanation of these sums is that there were a couple of personal checks cashed before he went into office and while he was in office they came back and he had to make them good as they were phoney and had been deposited as organization money. These were only a small part of the sum entered on account. He also says there were receipts for money orders, registered letters and express that were carried through the year and not entered but got mislaid.

He has found Post Office receipts amounting to $3.37 and a receipt for money paid to Wm. Hanley on August 31st amounting to $61.55. These were never entered and will be credited to his account. We find in the books numerous entries for express with the proper vouchers.

He claims that part of this money entered as J. M. Reilly on account is to cover money he has paid out of his own pocket for the organization for which he has no vouchers.

These items total as follows:

August, J. M. Reilly on account	$300.00
September, J. M. Reilly on account	160.00
October, J. M. Reilly on acct.	50.96
July, Louis Hayden, report	.26
Total amount no receipts	$511.22

We credit J. M. Reilly with the following:

Post Office expenditures	$ 3.37
Paid to Wm. Hanley	61.55
Total Credits	$ 64.92
Amount entered with no vouchers	$511.22
Credited to Reillys account	64.92
Balance unaccounted for	$446.30

Claude Erwin, Chairman
Elmer Swanson,
W. H. Thompson,
Auditing Committee.

Monthly Receipts & Expenditures of O. W. I. U. 230
November 1, 1923 to November 1, 1924.

November, 1923 Receipts	$778.28
Brought Forward	215.85
Total	$994.13
Expenditures	777.47
Balance on hand	$216.66
December, 1923 Receipts	$570.34
Brought Forward	216.66
Total	$787.00
Expenditures	651.14
Balance on hand	$135.86
January, 1924 Receipts	$644.49
Brought Forward	135.86
Total	$780.35
Expenditures	640.32
Balance on hand	$140.03
February, 1924 Receipts	$479.74
Brought Forward	140.03
Total	$619.77
Expenditures	515.88
Balance on hand	$103.89
March, 1924 Receipts	$384.34
Brought Forward	103.89
Total	$488.23
Expenditures	371.52
Balance on hand	$116.71
April, 1924 Receipts	$286.24
Brought Forward	116.71
Total	$402.95
Expenditures	225.05
Balance on hand	$ 77.90
May, 1924 Receipts	$436.80
Brought Forward	77.90
Total	$514.70
Expenditures	476.49
Balance cash on hand	$ 38.21
June, 1924 Receipts	$424.80
Brought Forward	38.21
Total	$463.01
Expenditures	412.37
Balance on hand	$ 50.64
July, 1924 Receipts	$482.23
Brought Forward	50.64
Total	$532.87
Expenditures	125.21
Balance on hand	$407.66
August, 1924 Receipts	$ 91.00
Brought Forward	407.66
Total	$498.66
Expenditures	494.70
Balance on hand	$ 3.96
September, 1924 Receipts	$116.00
Brought Fordward	3.96
Total	$119.96
Expenditures	110.00
Balance on hand	$ 9.96
October, 1924 Receipts	$ 87.00
Brought Forward	9.96
Total	$ 96.96
Expenditures	107.46
Deficit	$ 10.50

Total Receipts, Nov. 1, 1923 to Nov. 1, 1924:

	$4,781.26
Brought Forward	215.85
Grand total receipts	$4,997.11
Total Expens. Nov. 1, 1923 to Nov. 1, 1924	5,007.61
Total Deficit, Nov. 1, 1923 to Nov. 1, 1924	$10.50

Claude Erwin, Chairman,
Elmer Swanson,
W. H. Thompson.
Auditing Comm.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Oberman, 110): That J. M. Reilly be called on the floor to explain his accounts. Carried.

Report of Auditing Committee on Small I. U.s read by Erwin, as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee Elected from the Floor of the General Convention, 1924.
March 1, 1924 to October 1, 1924.

We, the Auditing Committee, elected from the floor of the 1924 General Convention have audited the books and accounts of the Small I. U.s No. 130, 140, 320, 410, 420, 430, 450, 460, 470, 480, 530, 540, 550, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650 and 660 and have found all receipts and expenditures correct as per audit of the previous committee elected by the various Chicago branches.

We found receipts and expense vouchers covering

all items and amounts both received and expended and taken in all the books of the Small I. U.s were found in good shape.

Our audit checked up exactly with the Financial Statement put out by the General Office covering a period of one year, October 1, 1923, to October 1, 1924, and showed the same cash on hand on October 1, 1924.

For the cash received and expended in these Small I. U.s we refer you to the General Office Financial Statement for the fiscal year.

Claude Erwin, Chairman, **W. H. Thompson.**
Elmer Swanson, Auditing Committee.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Swanson, 310): That Auditing Committee report on Small I. U.s be accepted as read. Carried.

Report of other Auditing Committee read by Mattson, as follows:

To the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the I. W. W.

We, the undersigned auditing committee, elected by the convention to act in conjunction with previously elected auditing committee have audited the books and accounts of the Equity Printing and Typesetting Company and have found them to be correct with the following exception: the petty cash account had an item of three dollars and twenty cents entered on debit that was not covered by any receipt nor was it designated as to where the amount was used. Also a debit entry was made in same account July 15th to I. X. L. Printing Co. of two dollars that was not covered by a receipt. This evidently was lost by previous auditing committees.

The above stated item of $3.20 will be added to the credit side and will add that much to total balance of the petty cash account of the Equity Printing and Typesetting Company.

Our audit covers all accounts from March 1, 1924 to Oct. 1, 1924, and findings are similar to those of auditing committee elected by general membership before convention.

Felix Mattson, 751157 **E. Schwandt,** 54952,
Geo. Speed, 241670 Auditing Committee.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That the report of Auditing Committee on Equity Printing Co. be accepted as read, and recommendations concurred in. Carried.

Report of 3rd Auditing Co. read by Grad, as follows:

We, the auditing committee, elected on the floor of the 16th General Convention to audit the books and accounts of General Headquarters and Bail and Bond.

We verify the statement of the previous committee with the exceptions as follows:

E. V. Wallis account (personal receipts)	
hotel bills paid to cover extra help	$ 12.50
Mileage	4.64
Total	$ 17.14

Joe Fisher's personal receipts:

R. R. fare from Boston to Lowell and return	$ 1.86
R. R. fare from Lowell to Fitchburg and ret.	2.00
Total	$ 3.86
Street car fares in different cities	3.00
Total	$ 6.86
Expenses for the investigation of the Gen. referendum ballot	6.00
No voucher for allowance	31.50
Grand total	44.36

We audited the books and accounts of General Headquarters from October 1, to October 18, 1924 and found them correct.

Tom Doyle:

Advanced	$150.00
Received from Avilla	15.00
Total	$165.00
Refunded	$ 75.96
Charged I. U. 410	24.19
	$100.15
Expenses	$ 64.85

Recapitulation:

Cash on hand, Oct. 1, 1924	$4,196.59
Total cash receipts Oct. 1, to Oct. 18, 1924	6,456.22
Grand total	$10,652.81
Total expenses	5,306.20
Cash balance, Oct. 18, 1924	$5,346.61
Cash tied up in Mid-City Bank	$2,346.74
Turned over to new administration	2,897.84
Petty cash on hand	102.03
Total	$5,346.61

J. Sanjour, **Frank Grad,**
Ruth Rumbaugh, Auditing Committee.

M. & S. (Mattson, 210-220-Murray, 120): That report of auditing committee on general headquarters be accepted as read. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That auditing committee report on Pioneer and Solidarity be published in the bulletin as soon as it is finished. Carried.

Rules committee state that they have finished.

Credentials Committee state that they have finished.

Ways and means committee; Chairman Hanson not present.

Resolutions Committe has nothing to report.

Constitution and by-laws committee reports, Walquist on floor. (Broman arrived at 9:20.)

Constitution committee recommends that resolution referring to agenda be rescinded, and that the following be placed in general constitution in its place and to be known as Article III, Section 5. (i): Prior to the general convention the General Executive Board shall segregate all resolutions and pre-

sent them to the proper committees. Mimeographed copies shall be furnished all delegates. Committee concurs.

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Grad, 120): That we do not concur with committee in regard to recommendation on rescinding our action in re agenda. Carried.

Article IV, Section 2 (b) read:

Any unit of the I. W. W. which fails at the end of 90 days, to pay its indebtedness, will be declared on an unsound basis and the G. E. B. must regulate the financial affairs of the unit until all accounts are paid.

Article X, Section 2, reads:

Any union of the Industrial Workers of the World that fails to pay its per capita for a period of six (6) months shall be considered defunct, and all property, books, moneys and effects shall be surrendered to the general office of the Industrial Workers of the World, to be held in trust for a period of one year pending the reorganization of such union. At the end of that period the funds and property shall become the property of the general organization.

Committee recommends that Article IV, Section 2 (b) be stricken out and that Article X, Section 2 be changed to read: Any union of the Industrial Workers of the World that fails to pay its per capita, or other indebtedness, for a period of six (6) months shall be considered defunct, and all property, books, moneys and effects shall be surrendered to the general office of the Industrial Workers of the World, to be held in trust for a period of one year pending the reorganization of such union. At the end of that period the funds and property shall become the property of the general organization.

M. & S. (Chuba, 440-Swanson, 310): That we concur with committee on two articles. (Gray arrived at 9:52.)

Motion carried, 12 to 2.

Complete report of Constitution and By-laws committee accepted as progress.

Grievance committee requested to report. Mann on floor:

Sometime ago the convention instructed the chairman of the grievance committee to wire New York for the ballots, and I have done so, but to date have received no answer. The ballots which were supposed to come here are not here as yet, and Fellow Worker Anderson gave me a statement in regard to these ballots, and I want to know what I should do with this statement, and all the evidence pertaining to those ballots, and what I should do with the ballots I have on hand. I wish to be instructed by the convention in regard to this matter which I have in my possession.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Cole, 110): That all ballots on the matter pertaining to the 510 ballots be turned over to Fellow Worker Speed, with the request that he investigate it on his return to New York. Carried.

This concludes work of Grievance Committee. Report accepted as progress.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Broman, 120): That the engrossing committee be placed in charge of proof reading of minutes to get them printed. Carried.

Error in minutes reported by Walquist. The 510 delegates voted in favor of the sliding scale on record vote, and the minutes show them as voting opposed. Committee instructed to correct this error.

M. & S. (Schwandt, 330-Speed, 510): That committee get out an index page on the minutes. Carried. (Fisher arrived at 10:05.)

J. M. Reilly arrived at 10:05 and took the floor to make explanation regarding items on his accounts which were in question.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Schwandt, 330): That the matter of 230 shortage be turned over to the temporary G. E. B. for investigation. Carried.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That the auditing committee report on I. U. 230 books be accepted and turned over to the temporary G. E. B. Carried.

M. & S. (Mann, 110- Schwandt, 330): That Fellow Worker Hanley be given the floor on special privilege as he wishes to bring a matter up before this convention. Carried.

Hanley took the floor and asked to be excused from functioning on the temporary G. E. B., as it would entail too much work, and take him too much from his duties as secretary-treasurer of I. U. No. 110, at a time when he cannot be spared.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Grad, 120): That the 110 delegates be empowered to elect a G. E. B. member to represent 110, providing 110 pays his expenses. Carried.

Minutes read by S. J. Cole, reading clerk.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mattson, 210-220): That minutes be accepted as read, subject to final reading. Carried.

Communication from Portland, Oregon, read as follows:

The following motion was passed in special I. U. 310 meeting tonight, forty members present, that we notify convention we will not recognize any ballot put out by them unless all involved in controversy appear on ballot for expulsion and we ask for seconds.—**W. Dunsmore.**

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Speed, 510): That no part of this verbatim report be published unless enough cash orders come in from the field to cover the cost of printing.

Amended (Murray, 120-Swanson, 310): That the part of the verbatim report pertaining to the controversy be printed immediately. Amendment carried, 11 to 3.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Nelson, 310): That the secretary-treasurer pro tem. be instructed while editing this pamphlet on the verbatim report to insert the first two meetings prior to the convention, and also the report of all notification committees. Carried unanimously.

New business:

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Gray, 110): That we lift the expulsion of any member having applied for individual clemency, providing such member has not taken a hand in any controversy detrimental to the

organization, not including any member who renounced the organization.

Hanson arrived at 11:20.

Motion carried, 15 to 5 on record vote as follows:

I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes; (120) Welinder yes, Broman not voting, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates absent; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson yes, Swanson not voting; (330) Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes.

M. & S. (Swanson, 310-Erwin, 230): That expulsion of Blossom, Quinlan and Lorton go on referendum ballot. Lost, 9 to 13, on record vote as follows:

I. U. 110: Mann no, Fisher yes, Oberman no, Jordan no, Hanson no, Gray yes, Cole no; (120) Welinder no, Broman no, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson no, Oates absent; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Schwandt no, Sanjour yes; (440) Chuba no; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no.

Gray votes yes because he can see no difference between the two cases: Rowan et al., and Blossom et al.; Welinder and Broman vote no as the same question comes on constitutional provision; Jordan votes no because he is opposed to the expulsion of any member of the I. W. W. being ratified by referendum vote; Mann for same reason. Fisher votes yes because he holds that action of 1923 convention is unconstitutional; Swanson the same.

M. & S. (Leonard, 310-Swanson, 310): That we lift from the table the motion that we reaffirm the stand of the last convention in regard to the controversy. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That we do not reaffirm the stand of the last general convention in regard to all controversy, unless placed on referendum ballot. Motion ruled out of order.

The motion is (Jordan, 110-Mann, 110) That we reaffirm the stand of the last general convention in regard to all controversy. Carried, 16 to 6 on record vote as follows:

I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher no, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad yes, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson yes; (230) Erwin no; (310) Leonard no, Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Sanjour yes, Schwandt yes; (440) Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes.

M. & S. (Grad, 120-Nelson, 310): That J. J. McMurphy be exonerated from charges filed against him.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30, to reconvene at 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION—TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Afternoon session called to order at 1:30 by Chairman P. J. Welinder. All delegates present except Fisher, Oates and Erwin. Also W. H. Thompson.

Motion on floor at adjournment for lunch carried.

New business:

Majority report of Hanson and Mann of committee to write up manifesto, read by Mann, as follows:

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE POSITIVE POSITION OF THE I. W. W.

In stating our positive position we find it necessary to set forth briefly and concisely what the I. W. W. is; its structure, methods and final aims.

Statement of I. W. W. Principles

1A. The Industrial Workers of the World (I. W. W.) is an organization of wage workers, bound together in strict solidarity, maintaining among themselves revolutionary discipline, obedient in questions of policy to the will of the majority among them, and dedicated to the overthrow of capitalism and the substitution for it of social control and ownership of industry and the tools of production that are capable of social ownership. It also fights for better wages, hours and conditions while capitalism is still in existence.

B. Organizational Forms.

1. The I. W. W. believes in the principle of one union in each industry and therefore places its membership in one or another of 29 industrial unions, each a subordinate part and an administrative unit of the general organization.

2. The membership of the I. W. W. functions through officials elected in accordance with the constitution and to whom certain powers are delegated in accordance with the constitution, by-laws and instructions from the general membership.

3. The membership of the I. W. W. also functions through hired employees for the purpose of securing professional skill or one sort or another, to carry out their decisions as expressed through majority vote and the unrepudiated decisions of their elected officials.

2A. Membership.

1. The I. W. W. makes no distinction in regard to race, creed, color or sex, and asks only whether a man or woman is a wage worker, and whether he will promise to abide by the decisions of the majority of its members.

Political Parties.

1. The I. W. W. is strictly an economic organization and is not interested in the matter of political parties or the election of officers to position in the political state.

2. The I. W. W. exercises no discipline over its membership in regard to voting or not voting, taking part in political campaigns or not taking part in political campaigns. Those matters do not come within our field of actions and are, so far as we are concerned, personal affairs of the individual member.

Religion.

1. The attitude of the I. W. W. towards religion is the same as its attitude towards political parties.

Education.

1. The I. W. W. has no quarrel with the truth

and welcomes all scientific discovery and investigation, and its wide dissemination.

2. The I. W. W. is convinced that the public school system and the whole capitalist educational system serve as a means of master class propaganda and from a social and economic standpoint are entirely false in their nature. To offset this false propaganda and as a positive means of education the I. W. W. sets up its own schools and relies on its own members to spread the truth about social and labor matters.

The Press.

1. The I. W. W. considers the capitalist press to be a source of falsehoods, especially on labor questions, and therefore establishes its own press.

2. The columns of the I. W. W. press serve to set forth the principles of the organization and to give true information on all social and labor matters.

Tactics.

1. The tactics of the I. W. W. in its struggle with capitalism may be changed as circumstances dictate and according to the will of the majority of the members. We believe in free discussion at all times in regard to matters of tactics.

2. Though criticizing craft unions, disorganization and their method of organizing and conducting strikes, the I. W. W. remembers that every group of workers, whether organized or unorganized, is always right in every struggle with the boss, and demands of all its members, and of the working class in general, that they show solidarity with all workers engaged in strikes. There is no place in our unions for scabs, informers, stoolpigeons or other traitors to the working class or to any group of workers engaged in a bona fide struggle with employers.

Injunction.

1. The I. W. W. views the increasing tendency of the capitalist state to enjoin workers from organizing or from striking and believes that all injunctions of this nature should be violated as a matter of principle.

2. The I. W. W., of course, absolutely repudiates and denounces the use of injunctions and all other appeals to the capitalist courts in disputes between workers over organizational matters.

The Strike.

1. The I. W. W. believes in and makes use of every variety of strike, and advocates a study of industry and communications on the part of its members in order to make its strikes more effective. The I. W. W. considers the general strike to be a revolutionary weapon and a means of influencing the course of action in capitalist courts and legislatures.

Boycott.

1. The I. W. W. uses the boycott where circumstances show that it is a useful weapon to employ.

War.

1. The I. W. W. is opposed to international war and calls on the workers to use all their power to prevent or stop it, realizing at the same time that only the overthrow of capitalism can entirely abolish it.

Sabotage.

1. The I. W. W. believes in sabotage as defined by its general executive board on May 4, 1918 (resolution regarding sabotage adopted by the G. E. B. and first published in Defense News Bulletin of May 4, 1918) and not as defined by any other person or body of persons. The I. W. W. does not seek violence nor advocate it in industrial struggles. But the I. W. W. will defend itself when attacked.

The Class War.

1. With the I. W. W. it is not a question of advocating class war; we recognize that the class war is a grim reality which no person can escape from, all individuals and all organizations being by their economic position in society forced to take a stand for their class or to betray their class. The I. W. W. contends that the only solution for the class war is the abolition of classes and the establishment of the workers' commonwealth.

—FRED MANN, 251734.

Minority report read by P. J. Welinder, as follows:

MANIFESTO

In appealing to the millions of unorganized workers to align themselves with us as members of our organization and to take an active part in the work carried on by us, we deem it necessary at this time to again set forth, in plain terms, what the I. W. W. is and what it aims to accomplish.

The Industrial Workers of the World is a revolutionary labor organization. It is revolutionary insofar as it takes cognizance of the revolutionary changes that have taken place on the industrial field and conducts its activity in conformity with such changes.

The I. W. W. maintains that the existing industrial conditions determine our form of society, or, stated in other words, the methods applied in producing the necessities of life as well as all commodities are the deciding factor as to the form and operation of any and all societies, past, present and future. At the rate the operation of industries changes form so also will society change form. Hence the I. W. W. concentrates its whole activity upon the industries, well knowing, that once the workers have gained control over the industries they also become the dominant factor in all social affairs.

As a revolutionary organization operating in the industries the I. W. W. must by necessity recognize the existing class distinction in society. To us there are only two classes in society: viz., the employing class and the working class. Any and all social problems rest upon the opposing economic interests of those two classes and can only be solved by the entire abolition of any and all forms of class society. This is possible only through the complete supremacy of the working class.

On the industrial field—which is the only ground upon which both the classes meet—we find the employing class and the working class meet with dia-

metrically opposed economic interests. The employing class ventures into the industrial field as the buyer of labor power, and as such is only interested in getting the commodity wanted—labor power—at as low rate as possible. The workers, on the other hand, are only interested in selling their labor power, the only commodity they possess, and as sellers are looking for the highest price possible. With these facts before us it is evident that as long as our present mode of production remains in existence the same antagonistic forces between the classes must also prevail.

There is no common ground upon which the employing class and the working class can meet and do meet except in the industries, and there we find them as opposing forces. So long as industries are operated upon the principle of private ownership of the means of production we must of necessity have both buyers and sellers of labor power. So long as labor power remains commodity for sale on the open market and the fruit of labor's toil the property of those who own the means of production, there must be a constant struggle between these two opposing forces in society. This struggle is termed the class war.

As to the I. W. W. it is not a question of advocating war between the classes. To us it merely means to state an existing fact. The class war is a grim reality and will exist just so long as classes exist in society. Our object is to establish such a form of society that none will be forced to sell his labor power but each be privileged to utilize his own power to labor for his own benefit only and not for the benefit of some exploiter in possession of the tools necessary to carry on production.

The methods and tactics employed by the I. W. W. in their struggle forward towards their goal can be stated in two words, viz.: DIRECT ACTION. What do we mean by direct action?

By direct action we mean that the workers themselves, directly at the point of production, enforce their demands and develop their organizations to such a strength that eventually they will be able to take over the industries and carry on production. By the term Direct Action we emphasize our opposition to any and all forms of delegated power, whether it be to the politicians who ostensibly are to represent the people in the parliament, or to labor leaders who likewise proclaim themselves as the duly accredited agents for the masses in their disposal of their labor power.

Seeing that the strength of our enemy, the employing class, is dependent entirely upon their ability to exploit labor we proclaim the daily struggle of the workers directly at the point where they are employed as immensely important, in fact, the all-important factor in our tactical program. At the rate we develop our own economic strength, through better wages, shorter working hours and a higher standard of living, we weaken the strength of our opponent in a corresponding degree. Furthermore, through the advance of our standard of living we develop within ourselves all those qualities necessary to fulfill our revolutionary mission. Our physical strength and endurance, our education, resourcefulness and courage are directly dependent upon the conditions under which we are forced to live. The more we receive of the good things of life, the more capable we become to seize the power in society and to manage our social affairs satisfactorily, not to some particular class, but to mankind as a whole.

By stating that we advocate the carrying on of the class war directly at the point of production and by the workers themselves, we by no means infer that this struggle or warfare is to take the form of a violent encounter with our enemy, or in the destruction of property. We maintain that the time of violent revolutions and rebellions is something of the past and not consistent with present day industrial and social conditions. War today, according to our conception of society, is only partially an alignment of military forces against each other and that it is mainly an alignment of economic resources where the economically strongest will decide the outcome.

Labor, being the one and only essential factor upon which society depends for its existence, once organized and working towards a common goal, must necessarily be the one and only deciding factor as to the structure and operation of society. To enforce its own dictation, and not the desires of some appointed or elected representative, it is essential that our organizations are so constructed that the workers themselves are placed in a position where they really can direct their own affairs. Such a position we will find on the industrial field and there only.

Our modern form of production compels us to work in co-operation with each other whether we like it or not. There is hardly a human being in our present day society who does exist, or could exist individually. All that we need for sustaining life is the product of the co-operative effort of labor. On the industrial field we are co-operating today, not for the benefit of ourselves, but for the benefit of the exploiter, our employer. We join hands every day in an effort to enrich him and to reinforce his position as exploiter and ruler over us. When we, on the same field, in the shops, mines, mills, and factories, and everywhere we happen to be engaged together with our fellow workers in an effort to produce the necessities of life, bend all our efforts upon strengthening our position instead of the position of our employer, we lay the sound foundation for a Workers' Commonwealth based upon the democratic rule of the workers themselves.

Seeing that we are organized on the basis of industry and not on that of skill, it follows that we therefore become universal in scope. Industry is constantly being consolidated into world-embracing units tha ttake no cognizance of existing national boundary lines. By following the process of consolidation and internationalization of the industries

we automatically become international.

The I. W. W. places a rather small significance on the various international conferences that are being held by one party or another or by the so-called labor internationals. The only international that means anything to us is an international of action. Not before the workers, through their actual deeds directly in the industries, show their class consciousness and assist their fighting fellow workers in all parts of the world, will we have an international that means anything to the workers. All other theoretical schemes brought out in conferences and gatherings of either a national or international character, are only plans on paper and mean very little in reality. The interantional advocated by the I. W. W. is one of action, not of talk.

As the I.W.W. at all times bases its actions upon industrial conditions at hand and maintains that all social activities are only reflections of actually existing economic causes, it follows that the I. W. W. stands entirely neutral in such questions as religion, politics, fraternity organizations, etc. In the I. W. W. we reserve for each and every member the full liberty in regard to his opinions in these and similar questions. The only requirements placed upon the applicant for membership is that he is conscious of his class interest, that he realizes the fact that his individual problems are firmly linked up with the problems of his class, and that he is willing to make a thorough study of our form of organization and the principles governing our actions.

We also demand from each and all of our members that they acquire a clear and living conception of what the word SOLIDARITY really means and in their every day conduct towards their fellow worker demonstrate in deeds their solidarity. To us the word Solidarity is more than a fine-sounding phrase. To us it is a living reality determining all our actions. We maintain that Solidarity is nothing more and no less than a question of mutual assistance, of assurance to each and all of our class that all we expect from them in our struggle for our class we are also willing to extend to each and all of our fellow workers, yes, to each and every toiler, whether a member of our organization or not, whether organized or not. To demand the assistance of others without being willing to render a similar aid to them when called upon, is not Solidarity; it is simply begging for charity. The I. W. W. is not begging for anything either from the masters or the workers. But the I. W. W. is pleading with the toiling masses all over the world to unite into solid industrial unions operating together for the purpose of taking over the industries and establishing peace, harmony and happiness for mankind as a whole.

The I. W. W. has no intention whatsoever to become a ruling power in society. We hold no brief for any individuals. We do not hate any individuals whether employers or capitalists. But we do hate and abhor the present system that makes the exploiter, the beggar and the destitute. The master as well as the slave are equally much victims of a system that makes for masters and for slaves. To hate the victims and accept the system that produces them is, in our opinion, the height of folly. Hence we attack the system and not its victims.

The ultimate aim of the I. W. W. is to abolish class society. This cannot be done by our becoming the rulers in society any more than it has been accomplished in the past when suppressed layers of society have risen to power and become the ruling class.

Any class in power must necessarily become a ruling class and develop all the human traits characteristic of our present ruling class and of all ruling classes in the past. By changing rulers we will not abolish class society.

Realizing this we work for a program by which each and every able bodied man and woman in society will have an opportunity to produce their own livelihood. Our program is simply a program of assimilation, of getting all mankind combined into one great unit for the purpose of producing its own necessities of life by the most modern and economical methods. This accomplished, class society is abolished.

We are fully convinced that by such a method only a very small fraction of the individual's life will be required for the production of his actual needs during his lifetime. The main part of his life he will be at liberty to devote himself to whatever social and individual activities he may choose, limited in this respect only by the similar rights granted to his fellow man. Until this program is fully realized, mankind is not free. Until mankind is free there can be no peace.

By organizing industrially, building up our industrial unions and consolidating them into ONE BIG UNION OF ALL THE WORKERS, the Industrial Workers of the World, we are not only creating the weapon by which we will be able to wrench the power over the industries from the hands of its present possessors, but also establish the means whereby our future Workers' Commonwealth will be managed. "By organizing industrially we are building the structure of the new society within the shell of the old."

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Gray, 110): That we accept neither report. Carried.

M. & S. (Erwin, 230-Swanson, 310): That both reports be referred to the G. E. B. to be published and the membership to discuss and decide on the matter. Lost.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Gray, 110): That both of these reports be referred to the G. E. B. for reference. Lost.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Cole, 110): That policy committee be dismissed. Carried.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Fisher, 110): That we rescind our former action in regard to I. U. No. 110 choosing a member among its delegates in the convention to act on temporary G. E. B. Lost.

Oates arrived at 2:30.

M. & S. (Walquist, 510-Hanson, 110): That we reseind our former action in regard to this convention not adjourning sine die. Carried, 17 to 6, on record vote, as follows:

I. U. 110: Mann yes, Fisher yes, Oberman yes, Jordan yes, Hanson yes, Gray yes, Cole yes; (120) Welinder yes, Broman yes, Grad no, Murray no; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates no; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard not voting; Nelson no, Swanson no; (330) Schwandt yes, Sanjour yes; (440) Chuba yes; (510) Speed yes, Walquist yes; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh yes.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Fisher, 110): That incoming G. E. B. be instrueted to revise the song book and recommend that some of the old songs be published. Carried.

M. & S. (Oates, 210-220-Murray, 120): That in future eonventions the number of delegates representing eaeh I. U. be limited to a maximum of three. Motion out of order.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Walquist, 510): That all committees standing and speeial, eleeted by this convention, stand discharged, except the engrossing eommittee. Carried.

M., & S. (Oates, 210-220-Mattson, 210-220): That the time limit for payments on bonds be extended to August 1, and that all bond stamps be called in and all I. U.'s be ealled upon to remit for money collected on bond stamps. Carried, 11 to 10, on record vote, as follows:

I. U. 110: Mann no, Fisher no, Oberman no, Jordan yes, Hanson no, Gray no, Cole no; (120) Welinder not voting; Broman yes, Grad yes, Murray yes; (210-220) Mattson yes, Oates yes; (230) Erwin yes; (310) Leonard yes, Nelson yes, Swanson yes; (330) Schwandt no, Sanjour yes; (440) Chuba yes; (510) Speed no, Walquist no; (S. I. U.) Rumbaugh no.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Chuba, 440): That we go into executive session. Carried. Hall cleared. After fifteen minutes of executive session doors were reopened.

M. & S. That we proeeed with nominations and elections. Carried.

Nominations open for general secretary-treasurer.

Albert Anz, Chas. Selleman, Joe Doyle, Ed. Delaney, J. P. Thompson, Forrest Edwards, Richard Brazier, John I. Turner, Arthur Coleman, Claude Erwin (declined) and John Russell (declined).

M. & S. (Speed, 510-Oberman, 110): That nominations be closed. Carried.

Gray contested Albert Anz on the ground that he took active part in the eontroversy.

Forrest Edwards was eontested by Oates on same grounds.

Dick Brazier was eontested by Elmer Swanson on same grounds.

M. & S. (Murray, 120-Grad, 120): That any fellow worker having taken part in the eontroversy be not allowed to run for secretary-treasurer. Carried.

Nominated are Ed. Delaney, 18 votes; J. I. Turner, 11 votes; Arthur Coleman, 10 votes; Jas. P. Thompson, 10 votes; (Coleman was ehosen for third place on vote of delegates, 12 to 11); Joe Doyle, 6 votes and Chas. Selleman, 1 vote.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mann, 110): That we leave blanks under the name of General Organizer and Assistant Secretary. Carried.

M. & S. (Hanson, 110-Mann, 110): That we go back to new business. Carried.

Mann inquired if this eonvention has any authority over the Industrial Worker. Chair replies that it has, as the Worker is an offieial publication, supported by the membership as such.

M. & S. (Mann, 110-Schwandt, 330): That we eensor the editor of Industrial Worker and Worker committee for withholding the news of this convention from the membership.

Amended (Oates, 210-220-Gray, 110): That we add: "and demand that he immediately publish the notice of expulsion of Rowan et al. in the Industrial Worker." Carried unanimously.

Grad of the auditing committee stated: We found Tom Doyle's aeeounts elear and wish to give him a clearanee. Chair stated that this was aeeepted this morning, when report was tendered.

Fellow Worker Miller, reporter for Industrialisti, was granted the floor to explain that the Work People's College had tendered a report to the eonvention, but same failed to reaeh us. The college wished this matter brought up so that it would come before the membership, that the Work People's College is operating the same as always.

M. & S. (Gray, 110-Erwin, 230): That the seeretary-treasurer be instructed to put the report of the Work People's College in the next issue of the General Offiee Bulletin. Carried.

Minutes of today's session up to the minute, read.

M. & S. (Broman, 120-Mann, 110): That minutes be aeeepted as read, and turned over to engrossing eommittee. Carried.

Good and welfare. Fred Fisher spoke.

M. & S. (Cole, 110-Chuba, 440): That we adjourn sine die. Carried.

P. J. Welinder, Chairman General Convention;
L. McCarthy, Reeording Secretary.

Report of the Manager of the Work People's College for the year 1923-1924 to the Annual Meeting

TRIAL BALANCE

	DR.	CR.
Cash	$20,569.35	$15,664.75
Capital Stoek		12,638.00
Work People's College aeet.		19,208.49
Real estate	37,152.73	
Personal	645.38	703.93
Boarding aeet.	5,980.70	6,621.03
Teaching aeet.	3,065.62	2,175.52
Ahjo aeet. (old m'nth. pub)	53.40	448.80
Corres. school aeet.		5.00
Organization aeet.		334.27
Donation aeet	9.23	3,378.14

	DR.	CR.
Lodging acct.	1,549.68	1,850.87
Bookstore acct.	2,491.76	487.01
Furniture acct.	3,796.45	15.20
Library acct.	735.53	
Mortgage		10,000.00
Bond loans		400.00
Interest	843.08	196.50
Notes Pay. acct	900.00	1,424.47
Notes Rec. acct.	20.00	
Wages acct.	777.50	225.00
Insurance	470.00	
Expense acct.	49.11	
Office supplies	142.60	57.08
Board of Directors, ex. acct	123.36	
Light & telephone	254.59	1.23
Building Repair acct.	236.06	
Advertising acct.	14.85	
Sewer acct.	156.13	
Profit & Loss acct.	46.90	
Mtge. Loan Paym't acct.		4,433.57
Bulletin acct.	78.71	24.64
Furniture Rpr. acct.	13.51	
Water & Gas Tax acct.	117.96	
	$80,293.50	$80,293.50

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Profit		Loss	
Real est.	$ 480.19	Board	$ 704.84
Personal	46.90	Ahjo	395.40
Instruct'n	890.10	Corres. sch.	5.00
Furniture	150.00	Organizat'n	334.27
Interest	646.58	Donation	3,368.91
Wages	552.50	Lodging	301.19
Fire ins.	470.40	Bookstore	116.65
Exp. acct.	49.11	Library	74.58
Office sup	85.52	Mtge. paym't	451.12
Bd. of dir. exp	123.36		
Light & tel.	253.36		$5,752.16
Bldg. rep.	235.06		
Adv.	14.85		
Sewer tax acct	156.13		
Bulletin acct	54.07		
Fur. rep.	13.51		
Wat. & Gas tax	117.96		
Work P. Coll. (Net profit)	1,411.74		
	$5,752.16		

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Resources		Liabilities	
Cash	$ 4,904.60	Cap. stock	$12,638.00
Real est.	36,672.54	Pers. acct.	58.55
Brdg. acct	64.51	Mtge.	10,000.00
Bookstore	2,121.31	Bond loan	400.00
Fur. acct.	3,630.43	Notes pay.	524.47
Library	810.31	Mtge paym't	3,982.45
Notes rec.	20.00	Net res'rc's	20,620.23
	$48,223.70		$48,223.70

As the trial balance indicates, the College has produced a profit during the past year. This profit, however, does not come from the regular activity of the College. The credit balance in the mortgage payment account which comes from donations, and the credit balance in the organization work account, are only temporary and casual. The library has also received books to the amount of $100 free, making it appear that the library account has produced a profit. Were it not for these temporary balance accounts, there would have been a debit balance of $2,894.56.

Of the regular permanent accounts only the boarding, lodging and the bookstore accounts show a credit balance. It is not usual to have a credit balance in the lodging account, but this year it has come from the fact that the winter has been unusually mild, thus less fuel was used, and also that the coal was considerably cheaper than during former winters.

Nothing unusual has occurred in the account producing a loss, and under same circumstance they will cause a loss. The sewer, gas, and water tax accounts are temporary, and in taking the inventory they have been added to the real estate so they do not affect the total profit or loss. The interest account will be reduced by $600 if the organizations and supporting circles raise the $10,000 so that the mortgage can be paid. (This money has been raised and mortgage paid.) Regardless of these facts, the loss for the coming year (1924-1925) will be over $2,000, assuming that the average number of students is the same (52), the price of foodstuff remaining the same, and the student fee being the same.

How Can the Deficit Be Made Up?

Last year the various independent organizations donated nearly $1,000 in the form of stipends, that is, paid tuition and expenses for students. Should these organizations undertake to do this next fall again, there remains over a thousand dollars to be got in from some other source or by some other scheme. It is easy for the large number of supporters of the College to raise this amount by one scheme or another, and we can depend that they are going to do this if they consider the existence of the College necessary and do not wish to have it become once more burdened by the heavy weight of a mortgage from which it is about to be relieved.

Everything must be done to make the English-speaking fellow workers acquainted with the College. When a greater number have come to understand and sympathize with the College, we may expect greater financial assistance. All the English-speaking fellow workers last year, as well as the Finnish students, upon leaving the College pledged that they would do everything in their power to make the College more widely known and help in its financial struggle. When the entire membership of our organization begins to support the College and to boost it, its keeping up will not then be a burden to the small group that is maintaining it now.

Whatever the annual meeting will decide regarding the College, it will be able to do this freely because no compulsory financial matter will force the annual meeting to act in any other way than that which it deems best in the class struggle of which our College is an inseparable part.

At the Work People's College, Duluth, Minn, April 26, 1924, Wm. Carey.